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# 12 Britons kidnapped in Yemen

BY KIM SENGUPTA

TWELVE BRITISH tourists were ambushed and taken hostage in Yemen yesterday by armed tribesmen.

The party was among 17 Western tourists travelling in a convoy of 15 vehicles when they were attacked on the road to Aden by about 10 tribesmen using automatic rifles.

During an exchange of fire between the attackers and policemen escorting the holidaymakers, one British tourist and a Yemeni guide managed to escape in one of the vehicles. They are believed to have reached the town of Mawdiyah in Abyan province, and alerted the security forces.

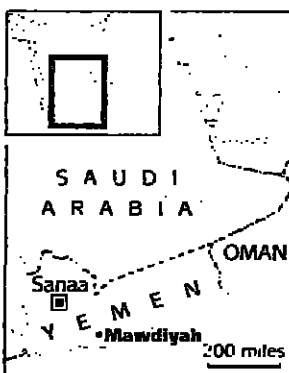
The other 16 tourists, including two Americans and two Australians, were abducted by the raiders and driven off into Abyan, as police and soldiers began to search the area.

Security officials confirmed the kidnappings but could not provide any details. There has been no report of any ransom demand.

The abduction brings the number of Westerners held hostage in Yemen to 20. The Bani Dhabyan tribe are holding four Germans, three women and a man, hostage in Marib province, 100 miles north-east of the capital, Sanaa.

Tribesmen in Yemen have often kidnapped foreigners to press the government and oil companies working in the country to meet demands such as improving infrastructure. They want more schools, hospitals, telephone lines and roads. Hostages tend to be released unharmed.

The Foreign Office said last



night it was in touch with the Yemeni government and urgently seeking clarification of what happened. A spokesman said: "We are taking all measures necessary and it is our top priority to ensure the safe and swift return of the hostages."

He said: "We are in close touch with the Yemen authorities in Sanaa and London and we are seeking clarification about the incident."

The trip was organised by a tour company which was last night trying to contact the families of the missing holidaymakers in Britain. Staff from the British embassy in Sanaa are expected to travel to Abyan province today.

The holidaymakers are believed to be on a desert safari and were on their way from the town of Habban to Aden when they were kidnapped. A Foreign Ministry official in the Yemeni capital said the terrain where the tourists disappeared was extremely inhospitable and barren and there were obvious fears for their safety.

In October 1997 Henry Thompson, a 38-year-old British aid worker, was kid-

napped by tribesmen. Mr Thompson is a specialist in water projects who had worked briefly for Japan International Co-operation Agency, was held for 18 days in the mountains of northern Yemen. He was released safely after negotiations between the tribesman and the Yemeni government.

He was snatched along with his driver, Mohammed Abdul Zabyan, by men from the Bani Zabyan tribe as they drove along a busy main road 45 miles south of Sanaa. He was then taken to a tribal stronghold where government control is very weak.

Negotiations between the government and his captors, who demanded a road, water supply and a clinic for their district, began almost immediately.

During his captivity Mr Thompson wrote a letter which was released by fax from his kidnappers. It read: "We are very comfortable, well-fed and the people are courteous."

Most kidnappings of foreigners in Yemen have been resolved with government promises of cash or a present to tribal leaders such as a car. The Yemeni government believes that many kidnappings are inspired by the political opposition, with financial backing from Saudi Arabia.

Yemen is keen to play down the abduction of foreigners, fearing that it will frighten off future tourists.

The economy received a massive blow when Saudi Arabia expelled 850,000 Yemeni workers in 1990 because it felt Yemen was too friendly to Iraq. The annual per head income is less than £300.



Iraqi workers constructing a monument to President Saddam Hussein in Baghdad yesterday

Faleh Kheiber/Reuters

# Iraq fires missiles at US jets

JUST 10 days after the United States and Britain halted air strikes against Iraq, Baghdad fired missiles at US aircraft enforcing the no-fly zone over northern Iraq yesterday. The Americans fired back, killing four Iraqis.

The attack came despite a four-night air offensive intended to diminish Iraq's ability to hit back at Allied forces.

President Bill Clinton said America would carry on patrolling the skies over Iraq, de-

spite the threat to its aircraft.

"Our pilots have the authority to protect themselves if they are attacked. They took appropriate action today in responding to Iraq's actions," he said. "We will continue to enforce the no-fly zones."

According to the US Department of Defense, Iraqi air defence forces fired three surface-to-air missiles at US F-16s

over northern Iraq. "There was an aggressive Iraqi action against US fighter aircraft in support of Operation Northern Watch," said a Pentagon spokesman.

"Our aircraft responded within normal rules of engagement." They took evasive action and then fired anti-radar missiles and precision-guided bombs at the Iraqi sites. US F-15s and electronic warfare aircraft were also involved. "Many hostile formations vi-

olated Iraqi air space coming from Turkey," said an Iraqi military spokesman. "They approached our air defences, which bravely and capably intercepted and forced [the planes] to flee, returning to the bases of evil and aggression in Turkey."

The aircraft returned and "fired their criminal missiles towards one of our positions", it said. "Our air defences forced them to flee... These aggressive acts led to the martyrdom

of four of our brave fighters and injuries [to another] seven."

The US aircraft, based at Incirlik in Turkey, were patrolling the no-fly zone established over northern Iraq in 1991 after the end of the Gulf War to protect the Kurds. As well as Kurdish-held territory, the northern zone covers Mosul, an important city and military base for Iraq, which was a target of the Allied attacks earlier this month.

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# Cunningham fails to stop the feuding

THE GOVERNMENT attempted to repair the damage of its worst week in office yesterday with a stern warning to ministers to end the in-fighting that accompanied the resignation of Peter Mandelson.

The Cabinet's "enforcer", Jack Cunningham, said anonymous and unauthorised briefings by spin-doctors in recent weeks had clouded the message of Labour's key manifesto policies on jobs, health and education.

Yet as he sought to draw a line under the Mandelson affair, speculation at Westminster centred on Tony Blair's failure to appoint a replacement for

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Geoffrey Robinson, who quit as paymaster-general last week after he was revealed as the source of Mr Mandelson's loan. Commentators regard it as highly unusual that he has not been replaced.

Geoff Hoon, Minister of State in the Lord Chancellor's Department, was widely expected to take up the job, despite objections from Lord Irvine, the Lord Chancellor, that he needed him to steer crucial legal reforms through the Commons.

The appointment of Mr Hoon, a well-known Blairite,



Hoon: Difficult position

may also be opposed by the Gordon Brown camp. He could be seen as a replacement for Stephen Byers - the former chief secretary to the treasury

who replaced Mr Mandelson as Secretary of State for Trade and Industry - as the Prime Minister's eyes and ears in the Chancellor's department.

Party sources claimed yesterday that Mr Blair may want to downgrade the role of paymaster-general or incorporate it into another minister's portfolio in a deliberate attempt to curb the influence of Mr Brown. As Mr Robinson received no government salary, it may also be too costly to fill his post this year.

In what was seen as a clear shot across the bows of Charlie Whelan, the Chancellor's press spokesman, who has been accused of leaking infor-

mation about Mr Mandelson, Mr Cunningham said yesterday that unauthorised briefings "ought to stop". He admitted for the first time that there were ministers who wanted to "conduct their own agenda" even if it conflicted with the aims of the Government. "It cannot be allowed to continue and we have to put an end to it," he said.

"There have been briefings from time to time which have been damaging to the Government. Collectively, unauthorised briefings have caused trouble for the Government, are causing trouble, and ought to stop."

Mr Cunningham's comments

are the most explicit indication yet that the Chancellor may have to fire Mr Whelan.

The Liberal Democrat Treasury spokesman, Malcolm Bruce, said of the Government's disarray: "You cannot have effective government by faction. If Mr Blair cannot control a Treasury press officer, how can he hope to run the country?"

John Redwood, the shadow Trade and Industry Secretary, added: "There is a civil war at the very top of this government. The Prime Minister needs to return from his holiday and assert his authority."

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# Gangs smuggle 4,000 migrants a month to UK

ORGANISED GANGS are smuggling up to 4,000 illegal immigrants and asylum-seekers into Britain every month, according to the National Criminal Intelligence Service (NCIS).

Officers are alarmed at how the gangs are moving into the illegal trade and exploiting the hopes of many refugees of finding a better life in the UK.

Some 20 gangs charge the

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migrants from £250 to £15,000. The more expensive "packages" include the services of a solicitor to assist in claiming benefits, "safe" houses, and work in restaurants, farms and backstreet "sweet shops".

The NCIS's recently formed Organised Immigration Crime

Section has also detected a growing market in forged and counterfeit documents. An NCIS spokesman said: "There is a UK end of the operation. You tend to get packages - people will pay for transportation and advice on benefits and approaching the Home Office."

"There is a system of 'safe' houses for them to stay until they are distributed to other

parts of the country where they will be found work."

Details of the rackets given by NCIS officers to *The Independent* provide the most comprehensive picture yet of clandestine immigration. The NCIS estimates that between 2,000 and 4,000 people are smuggled into Britain every month. The top four gangs are bringing in up to 250 people

each month, they say. Lorry drivers are paid about £500 to smuggle in a load of 20 people, according to police sources.

Home Office figures show that 8,000 people were caught entering Britain illegally in the past year - less than a third of the lowest NCIS estimate. A further 7,000 were caught coming into Britain hidden in lorries. The scale of organised

smuggling has become so severe that MI5 and MI6 have been assisting authorities.

The three main nationalities of organised smugglers are the Turks, the Chinese and Asians from the sub-continent - mainly Indians, but some Pakistanis and Bangladeshis. The biggest single group being smuggled are Kosovo Albanians.

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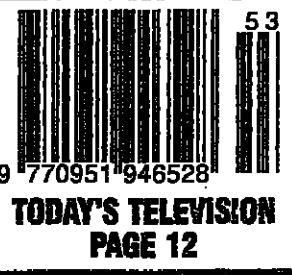
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# Threat to veto on organ donation

RELATIVES ARE likely to lose the right to withhold consent for organ donations from family members who have died.

The British Medical Association is considering a big change in policy after its ethics committee decided to support a system of "presumed consent". That approach would allow doctors to remove the organs of patients who died in hospital unless they had chosen to "opt out". At present, individuals must "opt in" by putting their names on the National Donor Register or signing a donor card.

Michael Wilkes, chairman of the BMA ethics committee, said evidence from other European countries suggested there would be a "significant increase" in the number of organs available for transplant if the United Kingdom adopted a system of presumed consent. In Belgium, individuals are deemed to have given consent for organ donation unless they "opt out" when they renew their driving licence.

If doctors vote in favour of the move at the BMA's annual meeting in July, it will put pressure on the Government to consider a change in the law.

Dr Wilkes said that with the demand for heart, lung and liver transplants outstripping the availability of organs, patients were dying while waiting for an operation.

He added: "It would be wrong to assume... that a change in the law to presumed consent would entirely close the gap between the organs needed and those available, but we think it would improve the situation to some degree."

The only other options were

BY SARAH WILSON

buying organs from other countries or using organs from animals, mainly pigs, he said.

Under existing legislation organs can be removed only with the prior consent of the patient, or with the approval of the family after death. Doctors generally approach relatives even if the deceased has signed a donor card, and in about one-third of cases relatives refuse permission.

Dr Wilkes said: "There are situations when relatives overrule the expressed views of the patient, and we think that is unacceptable. There is an argument that, at a very difficult time for relatives, it is better that the decision has been taken out of their hands. Many relatives, after the initial trauma, are grateful that at least something has been done to save someone else."

A spokeswoman for the Department of Health said: "At the moment what we want is to encourage more people to opt in, but we will be looking very carefully at what the BMA is saying."

The BMA initiative was welcomed by Evan Harris, Liberal Democrat MP for Oxford West and Abingdon, who introduced a private member's Bill in the last session of Parliament, aiming to increase the availability of organs. "I am delighted that, after initially opposing my proposals, the BMA ethics committee is now supporting a system of presumed consent," he said.

"There is a silent tragedy of hundreds, if not thousands of people dying each year while waiting for a transplant, while healthy organs are discarded."

## WEST END PLAYS STAR IN AMERICA'S DRAMATIC TOP 10



The Beauty Queen of Leenane

Playwright: Martin McDonagh  
Director: Garry Hynes

Star: Marie Mullen, Anna Manahan

US critic's view: A well-made plot that keeps bending in unexpected ways. Flawlessly performed... It is one of the major theatrical experiences of the Nineties.

### Not About Nightingales

Director: Trevor Nunn  
Star: Corin Redgrave and Finbar Lynch

US critic's view: Looking back, Tennessee Williams probably found his early, unproduced play crude and lacking in poetry. Both are true. But Trevor Nunn's intense production (which had its American debut at the Alley Theatre in Houston) also shows off the sheer raw power of a dramatist on the verge of greatness.



Cabaret

Director: Sam Mendes and Rob Marshall  
Star: Natasha Richardson, Alan Cumming

US critic's view: Cumming gave Grey's Wilkommen a sinister new twist as the MC; Richardson embodied a defiantly deglamourised Sally Bowles; and British director Mendes made the terrific musical even more terrific.



Trainspotting

Director: Harry Gibson  
Star: Seth Ullian, Sebastian Roché

US critic's view: The Scottish slacker of Welsh's novel are even grungier in the stage adaptation than on screen... Rich dialogue and fine acting turn it into a memorable trip to the lower depths. Including the

### Adventures in Motion Pictures' Swan Lake

Director: Matthew Bourne  
Star: Adam Cooper

US critic's view: You mean, the swans were once played by women? That is an understandable reaction to Matthew Bourne's acclaimed version of the ballet, with its all-male corps of swans. It is no cross-dressing stunt but a visually luscious and dramatically convincing reinterpretation on an old favourite.



## British talent triumphs on Broadway

HALF OF the best theatre productions staged in the US this year have been British, according to *Time* magazine.

In a pleasing irony, while much has been made of the Hollywood invasion of the British theatre - with Nicole Kidman and Kevin Spacey winning awards on the West End stage - Broadway has been sampling and lauding the best of British talent.

*Time* has published its annual list of the best shows of the year and, of the 10 plays, 5

BY DAVID LISTER AND KATE WATSON-SMYTH

are British. Top of the list is *The Beauty Queen of Leenane*, followed by Sam Mendes' production of *Cabaret*, starring Natasha Richardson. *Not About Nightingales* - Trevor Nunn's adaptation of the Tennessee Williams play - *Trainspotting*, and Matthew Bourne's *Swan Lake*, with male swans, also feature.

William Tynan, chief theatre reporter at *Time*, said the list

reflected the quality of British writing. "A lot of the success of British plays is down to snob value, where people come because they have heard about a play that has done well in London. But British writers have been more active in the theatre, whereas American writers tend to get wooed away to the movies or television."

Martin McDonagh, who wrote *The Beauty Queen of Leenane*, is, admittedly, Irish, as are the casts of his play, but *The Beauty Queen* was one of a tri-

logy of his plays put on, championed and exported by the Royal Court Theatre.

Broadway's top 10 contains other examples of challenging interpretations that have shown British companies at their most inventive. *Adventures in Motion Pictures' Swan Lake*, starring the former Royal ballet star Adam Cooper and choreographed by AMP's Matthew Bourne, re-

invented a classic and achieved the unthinkable of giving ballet a sell-out West

End run before transferring to the States. In *Cabaret*, America glimpsed the precocious talents of the Donmar Warehouse director Mendes as well as a couple of marvellous performances from Alan Cumming and Natasha Richardson.

Irvine Welsh's *Trainspotting* is more than well known, giving a graphic and intense, witty and violent account of drug and dole culture in an Edinburgh far removed from the Royal Mile.

But the piece that must

have given the Americans more food for thought than any other is *Not About Nightingales*. This was Tennessee Williams' first play, and never performed until it was put on at the National Theatre.

This early work from one of America's greatest playwrights was directed by Trevor Nunn, artistic director of the National Theatre and brought to the stage by Vanessa Redgrave, Natasha Richardson's mother after long negotiations with the Williams estate.

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## COUNTDOWN TO THE EURO

## How Europe is facing the challenge

## VIEW FROM FRANCE

BY JOHN LICHFIELD

THE EXCITED children aged 9 and 10 were learning about the euro in the school car park. They were also trying to stand on one another's feet when Madame was not looking.

The Eurobus - touring Normandy for the past three months, spreading the gospel of the single currency - had come to town. Or in this case, to the village of Cambes-en-Plaine, just north of Caen.

"What will the euro mean to you?" asked the bright, young woman wearing jeans, and a stud in her nostril.

"It will mean we have less money, because everything will be divided by six," said little Philippe. "No," explained the patient woman from the Treasury. "Your pocket money will seem less but it will buy as many sweets as before."

Florian, aged nine, piped up: "The euro will mean we are stronger because we will be 11 countries working together, instead of one. It will mean that we don't have to pay to change our money when we go abroad."

The bright, young woman beamed. Florian's Papa, it turned out, is a bank manager.

Overall, faced with the historic prospect of the abolition of the franc, the class displayed remarkable knowledge - and blithe indifference.



Shoppers leaving a supermarket in Vitry, south of Paris, where prices are given in euros

Jacques Brinon

Something similar could be said of France as a whole.

Partly because the everyday consequences seem so far away, with the franc remaining in circulation for another three years, France will greet the new year launch of the single currency with a wave of apathetic enthusiasm.

According to recent polls, almost 70 per cent of French people regard the euro positively. But the government and business representatives who have manned the Eurobus through Calvados since September report a surprisingly low level of interest.

"Some of the older people are making a bit of a drama out of it. They complain that they still think in old francs (abolished in 1960)," reported Claire Godillon, director of judicial affairs for the Caen chamber of commerce.

"Otherwise, people don't seem to care much either way. There are a few who are strongly in favour, a few who are violently against. The great majority are mildly curious and accept it's going to happen, whatever they think."

Although France voted only narrowly for the Maastricht Treaty for shadowing the euro,

the anti-single currency camp, on both the left and right, has failed in recent efforts to stir up indignation or concern. With interest rates and inflation at historic lows, the economy reasonably strong and the Bourse (stock market) at record highs, it's difficult to make a short-term, economic case against the euro. The political, sentimental case appears to have gone by the board, for now.

What will change from next month? Apart from the invisible but vital fact that control of France's currency will pass to the European Central Bank

in Frankfurt, not very much. All restaurants and shops have been asked to display prices in both currencies. Customers can pay in euros, by cheque or banker's card, but only if the establishment is ready to accept them. Employers can, if they wish, pay staff in euros from next month.

The euro is, however, transforming the lives of at least two people. The state Loto organised two special jackpot draws, just before and just after Christmas. In each, the first prize was seven million euros (roughly £5m) so creating the first euro-millionaires.

## VIEW FROM PORTUGAL

BY ELIZABETH NASH

SOME PORTUGUESE are exploiting the launch of the euro on 1 January to swindle countryfolk of hard-earned savings. Smooth-talking "bankers" convince victims to hand over escudos they say are worthless, offering to swap them for euros. Earlier this month, in the latest of several incidents, two men persuaded an 82-year-old to part with 190,000 escudos (£200).

Cash in hand, the swindlers disappeared. It's a modern twist on an old scam in which dodgy "priests" urged villagers to hand over jewels and silverware to be "blessed" by a visiting cardinal.

The fraud reflects how Por-

tugal's preparation for the euro is focused on banks and big companies rather than the average Joao. "The euro is clearly defined for banks, securities and big companies, but not for small companies or the consumer," says Manuel Fidalgo of the Portuguese consumers' association, DeCo. "Our voice has not been represented, and we feel the crucial task of winning over public opinion has been neglected."

The Bank of Portugal frowns on traders' attempts to mark prices in both escudos and euros.

But the Portuguese, tradi-

tionally open to the wider world, are likely to cope well. The country has 10 million tourists a year, and even small shops and cafes are at home juggling currencies and languages. "Our savings banks already work in multi-currencies," says Nuno Jonet, spokesman at the Bank of Portugal. "We are flexible."

DeCo agrees. "We Portuguese are an easy-going nation, and we think we'll get used to the euro like we get used to everything," Mr Fidalgo says. "But consumers must be alert, and demand clear, precise and honest information, to protect us from sneaky hidden charges and fraudulent tricksters."

## VIEW FROM IRELAND

BY KATHERINE BUTLER

IN IRELAND you know an issue has reached the man in the street when Pat Kenny starts to become exercised by it. Last week Mr Kenny, the host of a popular radio talk show, decided it was time to "cut through the confusion" of the single currency, a sure sign that the nation is waking up to the imminent reality of life in euroland.

Big business, the farmers and the political classes, who run the Celtic Tiger, have long embraced it. But the absence of any of the political hysteria that has characterised the debate in Britain has helped to foster an overwhelming public indifference. The most recent

survey showed the levels of ignorance towards the single currency were greater in Ireland than in any of the other participating countries.

Sixty per cent had no idea what the new currency was called and one in three could not say when it would be launched. That looks likely to change. The big supermarket chains, with the British-owned Tesco in the lead, will soon start to issue receipts in both Irish pounds and euros.

It is unlikely that waking up to the euro will generate a late outbreak of nostalgia for the punt. Currency has never

been a symbol of national identity in Ireland. Yet the most dynamic economy in the European Union will find its strong pro-Europe credentials put to the test once it has ceased monetary independence.

Low interest rates are just what the doctor ordered for the sluggish economies of the Continent but in booming Ireland, still growing at about 8 per cent a year, lower interest rates could fuel inflation, particularly in house prices and wages. Sterling volatility is the other worry, given that about 30 per cent of sales go to the UK. If sterling devalues against the euro, tens of thousands of Irish jobs could be lost.

## Sceptics converted in first wave of nations

THE EURO has clear public support in most of the 11 countries taking part in the first stage. Indeed, public opinion has favoured the euro since the idea came on to the public agenda in the early Nineties.

Meanwhile, the most recent official European Union opinion survey, the Eurobarometer, found a new swing in its favour.

Over the past five years the Eurobarometer has regularly found just over half of people in the European Union to be in favour, with just under two in five opposed. But in its last survey, in the spring, as the euro received the go-ahead, it found 60 per cent in favour and 28 per cent opposed. Opinion in the 11 initial member countries was even more supportive, with 66 per cent in favour and 23 per cent against.

At the top of the euro popularity stakes is Italy, with

BY JOHN CURTICE

83 per cent in favour and 8 per cent opposed. At the bottom among those countries joining on Friday is Germany, where 51 per cent are in favour and 36 per cent are opposed. What for the Italians appears to be the attraction of a stronger currency is evidently for the Germans the fear of a weaker one. Indeed, this time last year more people in Germany were opposed to the introduction of the euro than were in favour.

In contrast, of the four countries not joining the euro at this stage, only in Greece does a majority of the public actually wish to do so. Greece was deemed unable to meet the Maastricht criteria. In Sweden, Denmark and Britain, only about a third were in favour and a half or more opposed.

But are those European governments who have opted

out of the euro simply following their public opinion or have they created it?

In countries where the government wished to join the euro, the rise in support averaged 10 points. In none of the three countries where the government did not wish to join was it greater than five points. Public opinion was more likely to be influenced by the euro moving from idea to fact where their government was welcoming this.

Furthermore, the three countries that opted out are not those with the three most Eurosceptical publics. Only in Sweden is public opposition to the euro matched by the public's doubts about the wisdom of being in Europe at all.

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# Monitors ready to abandon Kosovo

FEARS ARE growing that deepening conflict in the Serbian province of Kosovo will force the Organisation for Security and Co-operation in Europe to withdraw, even before its mission there has been properly established.

The OSCE chairman, the Polish Foreign Minister, Bronislaw Geremek, said a "spiral of violence" was threatening any hope of peaceful solution. "If the bloodshed and violence escalate, the OSCE would have to reconsider the terms of its activities in Kosovo," he said.

The province was quiet for the first time yesterday after a truce brokered by the unarmed OSCE verifiers ended four days of fighting between ethnic Albanian guerrillas of the Kosovo Liberation Army (KLA) and the Yugoslav security forces.

Mr Geremek's statement was drawn up on Sunday, as the

BY PAUL WOOD  
Balkans Correspondent

fighting continued, but OSCE officials said concerns remained that the unarmed monitors will soon be trapped in the middle of a full-scale civil war. "A local ceasefire doesn't change the underlying situation," one official said, adding that the option of pulling out was being kept under review.

A Western diplomat said Mr Geremek was "quite pessimistic" about the Kosovo mission's chances of success and wanted to highlight the option of withdrawal. The OSCE's chairman has the authority and mandate unilaterally to order a withdrawal of all personnel from Serbia if the situation deteriorates.

The 54-nation council of OSCE member-states would probably not be able to convene

in time to decide, although there would be consultations among the six-nation Contact Group of Britain, the US, Russia, France, Germany and Italy.

Under the terms of a deal agreed in October by the US envoy Richard Holbrooke and President Slobodan Milosevic of Yugoslavia, 2,000 OSCE observers are allowed to work in the province. However, fewer than 700 are in place.

The unarmed personnel are there to verify that both sides are keeping to the terms of UN resolutions which demand that both sides pull back their forces and observe a ceasefire.

The absence of a lasting political settlement for Kosovo has seen the OSCE mission being drawn into an increasingly active role. The head of the mission, the ambassador William Walker, spent most of Christmas Day shuttling

between the two sides to try to end hostilities. At one point he called the mission "the last, best hope for peace in Kosovo".

At the height of the battle up to a hundred Yugoslav tanks and armoured vehicles were in action against KLA positions. Artillery, mortar and machine-gun fire sounded for hours across the snowy fields as columns of ethnic Albanian refugees fled.

Responsibility for the OSCE mission falls to the Norwegian Foreign Minister, Knut Vollebæk, in the new year when Norway assumes the organisation's rotating chairmanship.

He said: "The OSCE as an organisation and me personally will be judged by what we accomplish in Kosovo. It could well be a success, but also a disaster."

Leading article, Review, page 3



President Bill Clinton speaking at the White House yesterday on preparations for the millennium bug

AP

## Censure likely for Clinton

MOMENTUM IS building for a vote of censure against President Bill Clinton, rather than his removal from office. But it will still involve a trial in the Senate on two articles of impeachment, which could take perhaps two months.

"I think we have to start the process. The Constitution lays out a procedure by which we ought to begin, and I think the Senate will follow that," said Tom Daschle, the leading Senate Democrat. "I think the votes aren't there for impeachment," he added. "We ought to vote on these articles of impeachment, and that is the appropriate time to consider a censure," said Republican Mitch McConnell of Kentucky.

After the House of Representatives voted to impeach the President, the decision passed to the Senate, and a number of eminent senators are now preparing the ground for a solution that would be acceptable both to the White House and its Republican

BY ANDREW MARSHALL  
in Washington

enemies. Leading the initiative for censure is Senator Pat Moynihan, a veteran Democrat from New York who will retire at the next election.

Mr Moynihan is working with Republicans, including Senate Majority leader Trent Lott, to draft a censure motion. It is unlikely to include a fine, one element that had been suggested. The censure debate would probably come after a Senate trial, which, it is presumed, would not result in a vote against the President.

The timing of the Senate trial is still in question. Leading members of both parties have said that they want the trial to open soon after the Senate reconvenes on 6 January. It is expected to last for at least a couple of months, allowing both the "prosecution" and "defence" to mount their cases. But there are unlikely to be any witnesses.

## Israel set for May poll

ISRAELI COALITION and opposition MPs have tentatively agreed that a general election will take place on 17 May next year, an opposition Labour Party MP said yesterday.

"It's a compromise between April 27 proposed by us, and

mid-June, which [the] Likud [party] proposed ... we compromised on May 17," said Eli Goldschmidt, Labour Party whip in parliament. The date must be approved by parliament, which is due to convene today. (Reuters)

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# Israel protects concentration camp boss

**AN EXTRADITION request by Polish authorities for an alleged former commander of a Stalinist-era detention camp now living in Tel Aviv has been rejected by Israel.**

Salomon Morel is wanted by the prosecutor's office in the southern Polish city of Katowice. He is charged with crimes against humanity while he was commander of the Swietochlowice camp where more than 3,000 prisoners, mainly Germans, but also including several citizens of allied and neutral nations, were held during 1945.

**BY ADAM LEBOR**  
**Central Europe Correspondent**

A reply sent to the Polish Justice Ministry from Israeli authorities said that Israel would not extradite Mr Morel. Officials said the crimes with which he is charged are not perceived in Israel as genocide, and so are subject to the statute of limitations, the Polish news agency PAP reported.

The demand by Polish authorities for Mr Morel's extradition is the second attempt this month to bring back former

Communist officials. The Polish military prosecutor in Warsaw recently issued an arrest warrant for Helena Brus, formerly Wolinska, now married to an Oxford don.

During the 1950s Ms Wolinska worked as a military prosecutor in Warsaw, issuing arrest warrants. Many of those detained under her orders were later hanged. Both Mr Morel and Mrs Brus are Jewish.

Swietochlowice was set up by the Soviet NKVD - forerunner of the KGB - after the Red Army's occupation of southern

Poland. The camp was later handed over to the Polish secret service, the notorious UB.

Stalin's policy was to put Jews in charge of camps. Their experiences during the Nazi Holocaust would mean that Germans and Poles held there could expect little mercy. More than half of the 3,000 prisoners at Swietochlowice were murdered or died there, according to PAP.

Dorota Boriczek, a camp survivor, remembers Salomon Morel as a barbaric and cruel man who, with his colleagues, was responsible for many

killings of inmates. "I knew Morel in the camp. He was a very brutal man. He was young then. He would come in at night. We could hear the cries of the men then. They would beat them and throw the bodies out of the window," Mr. Boriczek, now 68 and living in Ludswigheim, Germany, told *The Independent*.

"I was taken there when I was 14, with my mother. I still don't know why we were there and I still want to know. They told us when we arrived, 'You are here, and you are here to

die, although nobody will shoot you, because ammunition is too expensive."

Conditions in the camp were horrific, said Mrs. Borczes, who has begun a legal process in Katowice to try to find out why she was sent to the camp.

"There was nothing to eat, hunger that you cannot imagine. We were lucky to have a piece of bread once a day, nothing else, and water. Both my mother and I had typhus. We were separated and I didn't know she was alive. I had a high fever and when I opened my

eyes, I was sleeping next to a lady from Switzerland. I slept with her under one blanket and was happy that she was dead because that meant I could have her blanket."

Mr Morel, born in 1919, lost much of his family in the Holocaust before joining the Polish resistance, in his case a Jewish military unit, according to John Sack, the American author of *An Eye for an Eye: The Untold Story of Jewish Revenge Against Germans* in 1945.

In 1955, 50 years after her liberation, Morel was sent to prison at Swietochlowice.

Mrs Boriczek saw Mr Morel at the Katowice prosecutor's office. She said she felt more "than hatred."

"I hated him all my life, then when I saw him I saw old, fat man. I could see he was ill, I would even have given him my hand. I asked him why he did these crimes. He told me he was lying and everybody loved him."

Mr Morel refused to speak *The Independent*. A man in Tel Aviv who identified him as Mr Morel's son said his father did not talk to journalists.

# Seasonal ordeal by fire and ice

## STREET LIFE

SAMOTECHNY LANE, MOSCOW

ON BOXING DAY, the hard men of my native Yorkshire show their mettle by covering themselves in lard and swimming in the North Sea off Scarborough. It has always been my ambition to join these "Sons of Neptune". But for now, I am doing my temperature training with the weaklings of Russia.

Over Christmas, I went from minus 12 degrees of frost to plus 90 Celsius – and all without leaving the environs of Samotechny Lane.

To earn the heat, I first chilled out. Wearing three jumpers and a fur coat, I went to watch the men making ice sculptures for new year on Pushkin Square. The neon temperature gauge above the square stood at minus 12 and the wind cut like a knife.

"Perfect weather," said the brigade leader, Viktor Pavlovich Chernyшов or "Palich" to his workers. Icicles stuck to his beard but he glowed from his exertions and looked as hale as Father Christmas.

The men were using chain saws to make surprisingly delicate sculptures from blocks of ice brought up from Pioneers' Pond. A row of completed Doric columns sparkled at the entrance to their impromptu ice park. Inside, they were

working on figures from Russian fairy tales.

"And that's Tsar Boris Godunov, isn't it?" I asked. "Don't be daft," said Palich. "That's Pushkin."

Of course. Not only were we at the lower end of Pushkin Square, opposite the famous statue of the 19th-century poet, but also 1999 will be a year of celebrations marking the 200th anniversary of the birth of the "Russian Shakespeare". Mayor Yuri Luzhkov and various private sponsors were paying for the ice park to help to launch those celebrations.

"What will happen if there is a sudden thaw?" I asked. "And what if war breaks out?" grinned Palich. "Don't you worry. I have my secrets for keeping the temperature down."

Indeed he does, for Palich runs a firm that makes ice sculptures all year round. In warmer weather, his workers toil inside a giant refrigerator, carving swans and bears to decorate banqueting tables in posh hotels.

Palich continued to radiate his own inner heat but I was going blue, standing there talking to him. Luckily, my next appointment was with Irina at the *banya* or Russian steam bath.

"Come in the quick, shut the door, don't let the heat out," she said, as I entered the wooden cabin at the Astrakhansky baths, where bath attendant Boris had worked up an air temperature of 90C by throwing water on to hot coals. In minutes, I was sweating with Irina, a doctor who practises alternative medicine, and her heat-worshipping friends.

"Whip me, whip me," cried a naked man in the corner and Irina obliged by lashing his back with birch fronds.

This is not what you might think it is. All thoughts of sex disappear at just 10 degrees below boiling point and Russians go in mixed groups to the *banya* for the sake of their health, not for orgies.

In a cold country that barely sees the sun for six months of the year, the *banya* gives essential warmth to people who cannot afford to fly off to Florida. Even the *banya* has become something of a luxury since the economic crisis and beggars stand outside the bath house, hoping for kopecks from the relatively rich Russians going in with their towels and birch branches.

It is possible to endure the extreme heat for about five minutes. The temperature in a Finnish sauna is even higher



**A sculptor chiseling figures for a traditional ice sculpture festival in Moscow** *Ivan Sekretarev/AP*

but tolerable because the air is drier. "There's nothing quite like the *banya* in nature," said Irina. "You can't compare it to the jungle or the desert. Perhaps this is what it would

**You get so hot that you are dying for cold. You plunge with abandon into the icy swimming pool. Heat and cold feel**

the same. You come out tingling. Your whole body feels the way your mouth does when you have eaten a mint.

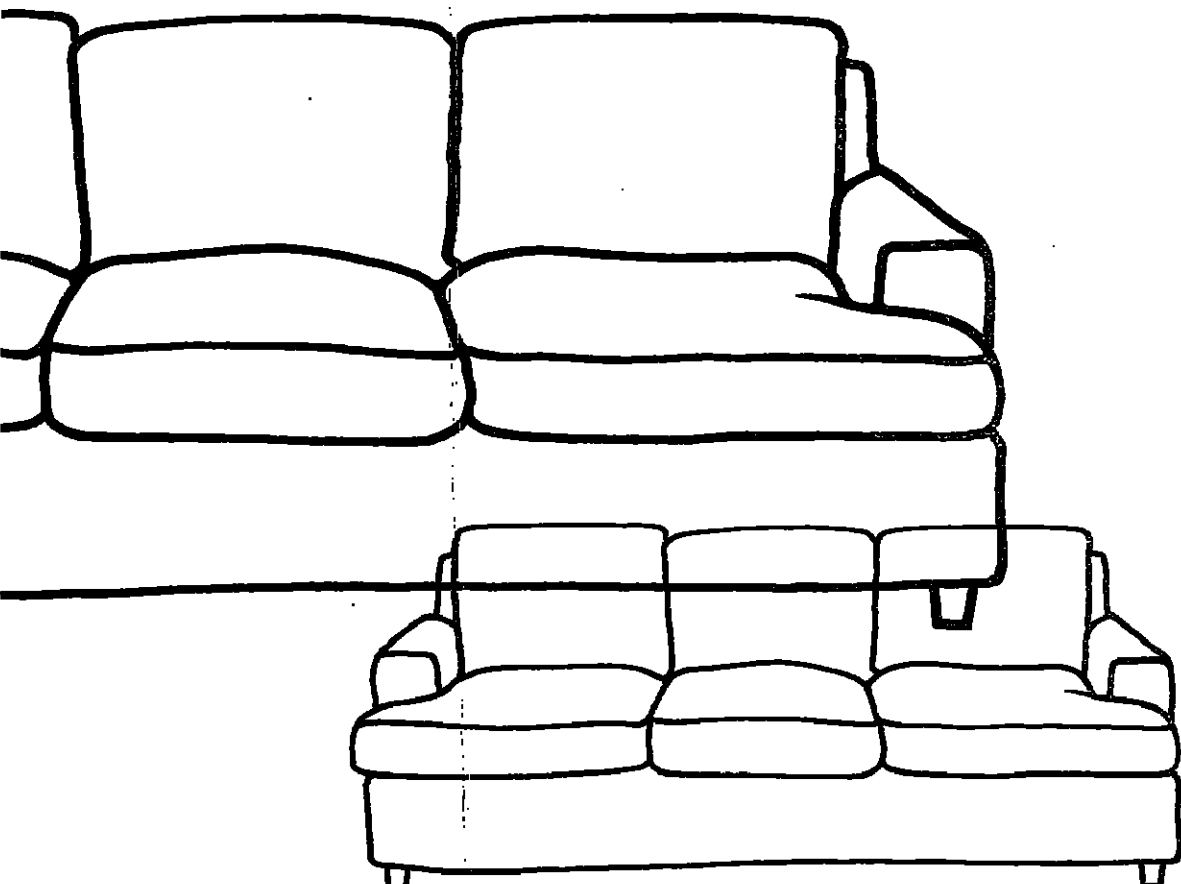
"It is not recommended for people with weak hearts, of

course," said Irina, "but it's brilliant for your blood circulation. That's the point of the extremes of temperature. Your body is cleansed of all stresses and, afterwards, it finds its

own natural balance again.”  
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## JANUARY

- 1 Cricket One Day England v Bradman XI, Bowral, Australia  
2 Football FA Cup 3rd round  
3 Cricket Fifth Test Match, England v Australia, Sydney (to 6)  
4 Darts Embassy World Professional, Surrey (to 10)  
5 Sailing World Championships, Melbourne (to 19)  
6 Athletics International cross country meeting, Durham  
7 Bobsleigh British Championships, Austria (to 9)  
8 Skiing Alpine World Cup Kranjska Gora, Slovenia (to 6)  
9 Skiing Alpine World Cup Schladming, Austria (to 9)  
10 Cricket One Day England v Queensland, Brisbane  
11 Rugby Union European Cup semi-final  
12 Cricket One Day England v Australia, Brisbane  
13 Basketball National Cup Final, Sheffield Arena  
14 Skiing Alpine World Cup Flachau, Austria  
15 Rugby Union European Cup semi-final  
16 Cricket One Day England v Sri Lanka, Brisbane  
17 Skiing Alpine World Cup Adelboden, Switzerland  
18 Golf Alfred Dunhill, PGA, Joannesburg, South Africa (to 17)  
19 Bobsleigh World Cup and European Championships, Germany (to 17)  
20 Cricket One Day England v Australia, Melbourne  
21 Boxing (heavyweight non-title fight) Mike Tyson v Francois Botha (SA), Las Vegas (tbc)  
22 Ice Hockey VIC Christmas Cup Final 1st leg  
23 Racing Victor Chandler Handicap Chase, Ascot  
24 Skiing Alpine World Cup Wengen, Switzerland (to 17)
- 17 Cricket One Day England v Australia, Sydney  
Rallying Monte Carlo Rally (to 20)  
American Football AFC and NFC Championship games (Superbowl Semi-finals)  
Ice Hockey VIC Christmas Cup Final 2nd leg  
18 Tennis Australian Open (to 31)  
19 Cricket One Day England v Sri Lanka, Melbourne  
21 Golf South African Open, Cape Province (to 24)  
22 Speed Skating European Short Track Championships, Oberstdorf, Germany (to 24)  
23 Skiing Alpine World Cup Kitzbühel, Austria (to 24)  
Football FA Cup 4th round  
Cricket One Day England v Sri Lanka, Adelaide  
Boxing (heavyweight non-title fight) George Foreman v Larry Holmes, Houston  
24 Figure Skating European Championships, Prague (to 31)  
Athletics International cross country meeting, Belfast  
25 Cricket One Day England v Australia, Adelaide  
26 Skiing Freestyle World Cup Fortness Mountain Canada  
27 Football Worthington Cup semi-final 1  
28 Golf Heineken Classic, Perth, Australia  
29 Cricket One Day England v Sri Lanka, Perth  
30 Swimming British Grand Prix, Swansea (to 31)  
Rugby Union European Cup Final (1st leg)  
Rugby League Silk Cup Challenge Cup 3rd round (to 31)  
Cycling Cross World Championship, Slovakia  
Racing Great Yorkshire Handicap Chase, Doncaster  
Athletics AAA Senior Indoor Championships  
31 American Football Superbowl XXXIII, Pro Player Stadium, Miami, Florida  
Rugby Union European Cup Final (2nd leg)

## FEBRUARY

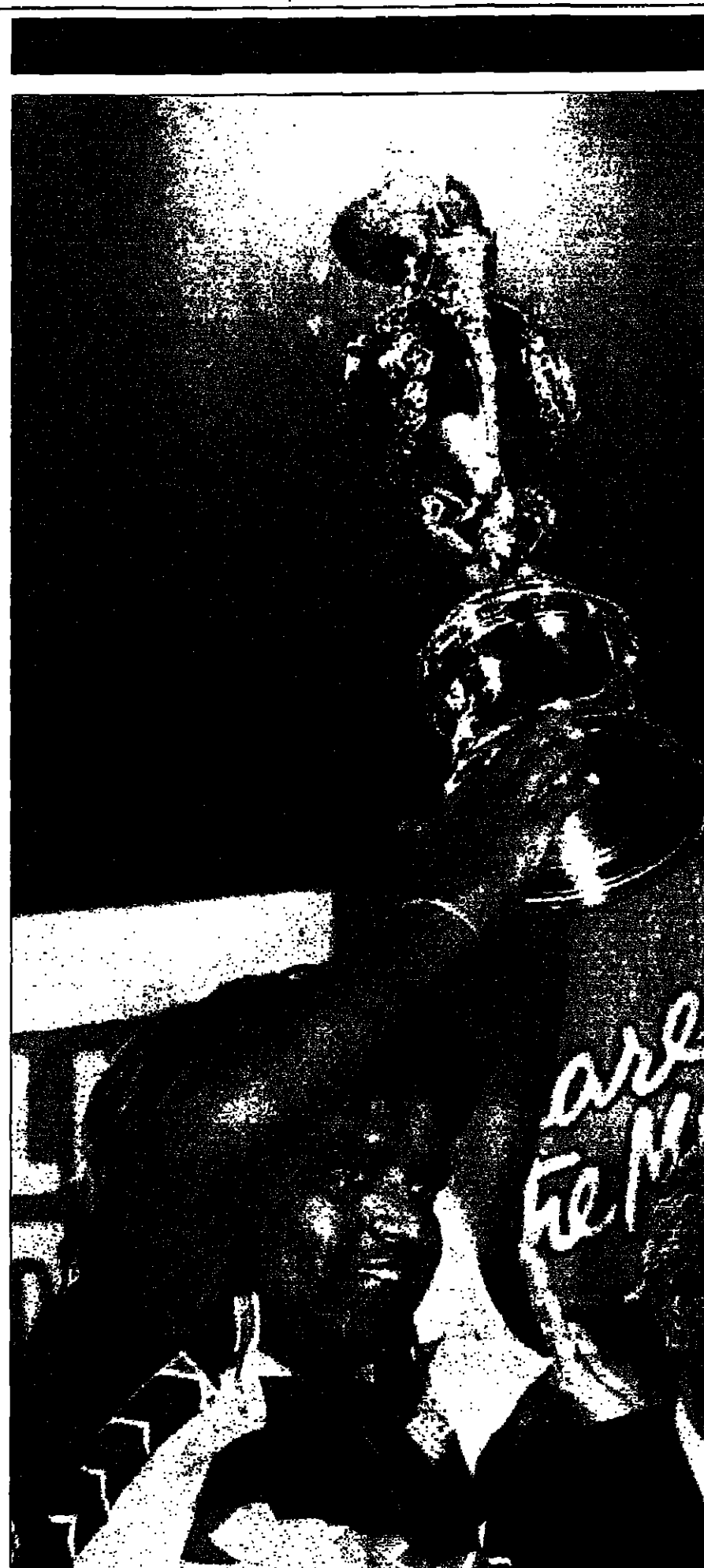
- 1 Squash Manchester Business Pages National Championships  
2 Cricket One Day England v Sri Lanka, Sydney  
3 Golf European Tour event (tba), Kuala Lumpur (to 7)  
4 Cricket One Day England v Australia, Sydney  
5 Badminton London Victoria English National Championships (to 7)  
6 Hockey Indoor finals, Crystal Palace  
7 Rugby Union Five Nations Scotland v Wales; Ireland v France  
8 Football Friendly England v France  
9 Cricket One Day First Final, Sydney  
10 Golf Dubai Desert Classic  
11 Cricket One Day Second Final, Melbourne  
12 Rallying Swedish Rally, Karlstad (to 14)  
13 Curling English Championships, Perth (to 14)  
14 Football FA Cup 5th round  
15 Rugby League Silk Cup Challenge Cup 4th round (to 14)  
16 Boxing (WBC welterweight title fight) Oscar De La Hoya (holder) v Ike Quintero, Las Vegas  
17 Swimming FINA World Cup, Glasgow (to 14)  
18 Racing Tote Gold Trophy Handicap Hurdle, Newbury
- 14 Cricket One Day Third Final, Melbourne  
Athletics Indoor international meeting, NIA, Birmingham  
17 Football Worthington Cup Semi-Final second leg  
Golf Qatar Masters, Doha (to 20)  
19 Swimming British Grand Prix, Leeds (to 21)  
20 Badminton World Grand Prix Finals, Indonesia  
21 Rugby Union Five Nations England v Scotland; Wales v Ireland  
22 Skiing Alpine World Cup Garmisch Partenkirchen, Germany (to 21)  
23 Figure Skating Four Continents Championships, Halifax, Canada (to 28)  
Ice Hockey Challenge Cup 1st semi-final  
22 Tennis Men's Guardian Direct Cup, Battersea Park (to 27)  
23 Skiing Freestyle World Cup Finals La Plagne, France (to 27)  
24 Rallying Safari Rally, Nairobi (to 28)  
25 Rugby League Silk Cup Challenge Cup 5th round (to 28)  
26 Basketball Dairylea Dunkers All Star Game, Newcastle Arena

## MARCH

- 1 Snooker Thailand Masters, Bangkok (to 7)  
2 Football UEFA Cup quarter-final 1st leg  
3 Football European Champions' League quarter-final 1st leg  
4 Football European Cup-Winners' Cup quarter-final 1st leg  
5 Golf Portuguese Algarve Open (to 7)  
6 Athletics World Indoor Championships, Japan (to 8)  
7 Rugby League Super League season begins  
8 Athletics World Indoor Championships, Maebashi, Japan (to 7)  
9 Speed Skating World Short Track Team Champs, Missouri, US (to 7)  
10 Football FA Cup 6th round  
11 Rugby Union Five Nations France v Wales; Ireland v England; Scotland v Italy  
12 Gymnastics Rhythmic Gymnastics British Championships, Dewsbury (to 7)  
13 Boxing (WBO featherweight title fight) Naseem Hamed (holder) v tba, Manchester  
14 Skiing Alpine World Cup Kvitfjell, Norway (to 7)  
15 Motor Racing Formula One Australian Grand Prix, Melbourne  
16 Ice Hockey Challenge Cup 2nd semi-final  
17 Snooker China International (to 14)  
18 Tennis Newsweek Champions Cup, Indian Wells, California (to 14)  
19 Table Tennis English Open, Pottery, Hopton-on-Sea  
20 Badminton Yonex All England Open Championships, National Indoor Arena, Birmingham (to 14)  
21 Skiing Alpine World Cup Final, Sierra Nevada, Spain (to 14)  
22 Rugby League Silk Cup Challenge Cup Quarter-finals (to 14)  
23 Boxing (world heavyweight title unification match) Lennox Lewis (WBC Champion) v Evander Holyfield (WBA/IBF Champion), New York  
24 Athletics English National Cross Country Championships, Newark  
25 Basketball uni-ball trophy final, NEC Arena, Birmingham  
26 Racing Imperial Cup Handicap Hurdle, Sandown  
27 Tennis Lipton Championships, Florida (to 28)
- 16 Football Worthington Cup semi-final 2  
Racing Champion Hurdle, Cheltenham  
17 Racing Queen Mother Champion Chase, Cheltenham  
Football European Champions' League quarter-final second leg  
Squash British Open, NEC Arena, Birmingham (to 28)  
18 Golf Moroccan Open, Agadir (to 21)  
19 Racing Cheltenham Gold Cup  
Football European Cup-Winners' Cup quarter-final second leg  
19 Speed Skating World Short Track Championships, Sofia (to 21)  
20 Rugby Union Five Nations Scotland v Ireland; England v France; Wales v Italy  
21 Football Worthington Cup Final  
22 Motor Racing Formula One Chinese Grand Prix, Suzhou  
23 Skiing World Figure Skating Championships, Helsinki (to 28)  
Ice Hockey Challenge Cup Final  
25 Golf Madeira Open, Santo de Sierra (to 28)  
27 Football Euro 2000 qualifiers Macedonia v Rep of Ireland; Scotland v Bosnia Herzegovina; Northern Ireland v Germany  
Fencing British Sabre Championships  
Rugby League Silk Cup Challenge Cup semi-finals (to 28)  
Athletics IAAF World Cross Country Championships, Belfast (to 28)  
Ice Hockey British National League semi-finals, Hull  
Racing Lincoln Handicap, Doncaster  
28 Football FA Women's Premier League Cup Final  
Rallying Portuguese Rally, Oporto (to 31)  
Ice Hockey British National League Final, Hull  
Motorcycling Superbikes R1, South Africa  
31 Football Euro 2000 qualifiers Scotland v Czech Republic; Moldova v Northern Ireland; Switzerland v Wales; England International tba

## APRIL

- 1 Ice Skating World Challenge Cup Synchronized Skating, Göteborg, Sweden (to 4)  
2 Tennis The Davis Cup World Group GS v USA, NEC, Birmingham (to 4)  
3 Rowing The Oxford and Cambridge Boat Race  
Rugby Union Scottish Tennants Velvet Cup semi-finals  
Rugby Union Telford's Bitter Cup semi-finals, Twickenham  
Football FIFA World Youth Championship (U20), Nigeria (to 24)  
Ice Hockey Sekonda Superleague Play-Off semi-finals, Manchester EN Arena  
Curling World Championships, Saint John, New Brunswick, Canada (to 11)  
4 Football AXA FA Women's Cup semi-finals  
Motor racing British Touring Car Championship event Donington Park (to 5)  
Ice Hockey Sekonda Superleague Play-Off Final, Manchester EN Arena  
Baseball Major League season starts  
Snooker British Open, Plymouth (to 11)  
5 Racing Irish Grand National Handicap Chase, Fairyhouse  
6 Football UEFA Cup semi-final first leg  
7 Football European Champions' League semi-final first leg  
Cricket Sharjah Tournament (to 16)
- 8 Football European Cup-Winners' Cup semi-final first leg  
Golf Masters Tournament Augusta National, Georgia (to 11)  
10 Racing Grand National Handicap Chase, Aintree  
Football Tennants Scottish Cup semi-finals  
Rugby Union Five Nations Scotland v France  
Rugby Union Ireland v Italy  
Basketball Budweiser Championships Play-Off (first leg)  
11 Football FA Cup semi-finals  
Motor Racing Formula One Brazilian Grand Prix, São Paulo  
Rugby Union Five Nations Wales v England  
14 Equestrian Volvo World Cup final (show jumping), Gothenburg (to 18)  
Basketball Budweiser Championships Play-Off (second leg)  
16 Swimming British Grand Prix (50m), tbc (to 18)  
17 Racing Scottish National Handicap Chase, Ayr  
Gymnastics Rhythmic Gymnastics, British Group Championships, Hincley  
Snooker Embassy World Championship, Crucible Theatre, Sheffield (to 3/5)  
Rugby Union last scheduled fixtures for Allied Dunbar First Division season
- Motor racing British Touring Car Championship event, Silverstone (to 18)  
Basketball Budweiser Championships Play-Off (third leg)  
18 Athletics London Marathon  
Rallying Spanish Rally, Lloret de Mar (to 21)  
Motorcycling Superbikes R2, Australia; 500cc Malaysian GP  
19 Tennis Monte Carlo Open (to 25)  
21 Football European Champions' League semi-final second leg  
22 Football European Cup-Winners' Cup semi-final second leg  
Golf Peugeot Open de Espana (to 25)  
23 Boxing ABA Senior Championships Finals, Barnsley Metrodome  
24 Racing Whitbread Gold Cup Handicap Chase, Sandown  
Judo British Open Championships, NIA, Birmingham (to 25)  
Speed Skating Skater of the Year Final, Altrincham (to 25)  
Rugby Union Royal Navy v Army, Twickenham  
25 Football FA Umbro Sunday Cup Final  
26 Motorcycling 500cc Japanese GP  
26 Table Tennis World Championships Belgrade (to 9/5)  
27 Rugby Union Scottish Tennants Velvet Cup Final  
28 Football England International tba  
29 Golf Fiat and Fiat Italian Open, Turin (to 2/5)



Arjuna Ranatunga, the Sri Lankan captain, holds aloft the Cricket World Cup after his team defeated Australia in the 1996 final in Lahore

## BRITAIN PLAYS HO

### CRICKET WORLD CUP

**Group A:** Sri Lanka, India, South Africa, England, Zimbabwe, Kenya.  
**Group B:** Australia, West Indies, Pakistan, New Zealand, Bangladesh, Scotland.  
Top three in each group qualify for Super Six stage

Group matches		
Fri 14 May	England v Sri Lanka	Lord
Sat 15 May	India v South Africa	Hov
Sun 16 May	Zimbabwe v Kenya	Worcestr
	Australia v Scotland	Bristol
	West Indies v Pakistan	Chelmsford
Mon 17 May	New Zealand v Bangladesh	Canterbury
Tues 18 May	England v Kenya	Northampton
Wed 19 May	Sri Lanka v South Africa	Leicester
	India v Zimbabwe	Cardif
Thurs 20 May	Australia v New Zealand	Chester-le-Street
	Pakistan v Scotland	Edinburgh
Fri 21 May	West Indies v Bangladesh	Trent Bridge
Sat 22 May	England v South Africa	The Oval
	Zimbabwe v Sri Lanka	Worcester
Sun 23 May	Kenya v India	Bristol
	Australia v Pakistan	Headingley
Mon 24 May	West Indies v New Zealand	Southampton
	Scotland v Bangladesh	Edinburgh
Tues 25 May	England v Zimbabwe	Trent Bridge
Wed 26 May	Sri Lanka v India	Taunton
	South Africa v Kenya	Amsterdam
Thurs 27 May	West Indies v Scotland	Leicester
	Australia v Bangladesh	Chester-le-Street
Fri 28 May	New Zealand v Pakistan	Drby
Sat 29 May	England v India	Edgbaston
	Zimbabwe v South Africa	Chelmsford
Sun 30 May	Sri Lanka v Kenya	Southampton
	West Indies v Australia	Old Trafford
Mon 31 May	Scotland v New Zealand	Edinburgh
	Pakistan v Bangladesh	Northampton

Super Six		
Fri 4 June	Grp A 2nd v Grp B 2nd	The Oval
Sat 5 June	Grp A 1st v Grp B 1st	Trent Bridge
Sun 6 June	Grp A 3rd v Grp B 3rd	Headingley
Tues 8 June	Grp A 2nd v Grp B 1st	Old Trafford
Wed 9 June	Grp A 3rd v Grp B 2nd	Edgbaston
Thurs 10 June	Grp A 1st v Grp B 3rd	Edgbaston
Fri 11 June	Grp A 3rd v Grp B 1st	The Oval
Sat 12 June	Grp A 1st v Grp B 2nd	Headingley

Semi-final		
Wed 16 June	First semi-final	Old Trafford
Thurs 17 June	Second semi-final	Edgbaston

Final		
Sun 20 June	Final	Lord's

**KEY: 6 weekends**  
Compiled by Sam Wallace

While all possible care has been taken in the compilation of this calendar, dates and venues are subject to change. Please check with organisers before arranging to attend events

## THIS YEAR'S MAJOR EVENTS

<b>Athletics</b> London Marathon, 18 May World Champs, Seville, 20-29 Aug  <b>Boxing</b> Evander Holyfield v Lennox Lewis, world heavyweight championship, New York, 13 Mar  <b>Cricket</b> Test series v New Zealand: First Test, Edgbaston 1-5 July Second Test, Lords 22-26 July Third Test, Old Trafford 5-9 Aug Fourth Test, The Oval 19-23 Aug NatWest Trophy Final, Lords 29 Aug Super Cup Final, Lords 1 July World Cup: see panel above	<b>Cycling</b> Tour de France 3-25 July  <b>Football</b> Worthington Cup final, 12 March Football UEFA Cup final, 12 May European Cup-Winners' Cup final, 19 May European Cup final, 26 May FA Cup final, 22 May Tennants Scottish Cup final, 29 May  <b>Golf</b> US Masters Tournament Augusta National, Georgia 4-11 Aug US Open Pinehurst No. 2, North Carolina 17-20 June The Open, Carnoustie, 15-18 July	<b>US PGA Championship</b> , Medinah, Chicago 12 Aug Ryder Cup, The Country Club, Massachusetts (24-26 Sep)  <b>Motor Racing</b> Formula One British Grand Prix, Silverstone 11 July  <b>Racing</b> Grand National, Aintree 10 April The Derby, Epsom 5 June National Hunt Festival, Cheltenham, 16-18 Mar Royal Ascot, 15-18 Jun  <b>Rowing</b> The Boat Race 3 April Henley Royal Regatta 30 June-4 July Rugby League	<b>Ski</b> Cut Challenge Cup final, 1 May Super League, final weekend, 12-13 Sept  <b>Rugby Union</b> European Cup Final, 29 Jan Telford's Bitter Cup Final, Twickenham 15 May Swalec Cup final, tbc 15 May Scottish Tennants Velvet Cup final, Murrayfield 27 April Five Nations' Championship Ireland v France, Dublin; Scotland v Wales, Murrayfield 6 Feb England v Scotland, Twickenham; Wales v Ireland, Wembley 20 Feb Ireland v England, Dublin; France v Wales, Paris 6 Mar England v France, Twickenham; Scotland v Ireland,	<b>Murrayfield</b> 20 Mar France v Scotland, Paris April 10 Wales v England, Wembley 11 April World Cup: see panel above  <b>Snooker</b> Embassy World Champs 17 Apr-May 3  <b>Tennis</b> Australian Open, Melbourne 18-31 Jan French Open, Paris 24 May-8 June Wimbledon June 21-July 24 US Open, New York 30 Aug-12 Sept Davis Cup final, 3 Dec
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# CALENDAR OF WORLD SPORT 1999

## RUGBY UNION WORLD CUP

- A:** South Africa, Scotland, Spain, repêchage qualifier  
**B:** New Zealand, England, Italy, repêchage qualifier  
**C:** France, Fiji, Canada, Namibia  
**D:** Wales, Argentina, Western Samoa, Japan  
**E:** Australia, Ireland, Romania, United States

### Pool matches

Oct	Wales v Argentina	Cardiff
	Fiji v Namibia	Béziers
2 Oct	France v Canada	Béziers
	Spain v Repêchage qualifier	Galashiels
	England v Italy	Twickenham
	Ireland v US	Dublin
3 Oct	Western Samoa v Japan	Wrexham
	New Zealand v Repêchage qualifier	Bristol
	Scotland v South Africa	Murrayfield
	Australia v Romania	Belfast
1 Oct	Scotland v Repêchage qualifier	Murrayfield
	France v Namibia	Bordeaux
4 Oct	Fiji v Canada	Bordeaux
	Wales v Japan	Cardiff
	England v New Zealand	Twickenham
	US v Romania	Dublin
10 Oct	Argentina v Western Samoa	Llanelli
	Ireland v Australia	Dublin
	South Africa v Spain	Murrayfield
	Italy v Repêchage qualifier	Leicester
rs 14 Oct	New Zealand v Italy	Huddersfield
	Wales v Western Samoa	Cardiff
	Australia v US	Limerick
	Canada v Namibia	Toulouse
5 Oct	England v Repêchage qualifier	Twickenham
	South Africa v Repêchage qualifier	Glasgow
	Ireland v Romania	Dublin
16 Oct	France v Fiji	Toulouse
	Scotland v Spain	Murrayfield
	Argentina v Japan	Cardiff

### Quarter-final play-offs

120 Oct	Runner-up B v Runner-up C (H)	Twickenham
	Runner-up A v Runner-up D (G)	Murrayfield
	Runner-up E v Best third place (F)	Lens

### Quarter-finals

1 Oct	Winner D v Winner E (M)	Cardiff
24 Oct	Winner A v Winner H (J)	Paris
	Winner C v Winner F (L)	Dublin
	Winner B v Winner G (K)	Murrayfield

### Semi-finals

30 Oct	Winner J v Winner M	Twickenham
31 Oct	Winner K v Winner L	Twickenham

rs 4 Nov	Third and fourth place play-off	Cardiff
	Final	Cardiff



The South African captain, Francois Pienaar, brings a nation to its feet as he shows off the Webb Ellis Trophy in Johannesburg in 1995. Reuters

## JUNE

- 1 Tennis Powder Byrne Trophy, Surbiton (to 6)
- 3 Golf English Open (to 6); US Women's Open (to 6)
- 4 Racing Oaks Stakes, Coronation Cup, Epsom
- 5 Racing Derby Stakes, Epsom
- 5 Football Euro 2000 qualifiers Rep. of Ireland v Yugoslavia; Faroe Islands v Scotland; England v Sweden; Italy v Wales
- 6 Hockey Men's Champions Trophy, Brisbane (to 13)
- 6 Rallying Acropolis Rally, Athens (to 9)
- 6 Motorcycling 500cc Italian GP
- 7 Tennis Stella Artois Grass Court Championship (Men), The Queen's Club, London (to 13); DFS Classic, Edgbaston (to 13)
- 9 Selling Lynton Cup (to 12)
- 9 Football Euro 2000 qualifiers Rep. of Ireland v Macedonia; Czech Republic v Scotland; Bulgaria v England; Wales v Denmark
- 10 Equestrianism Bramham Horse Trials (to 13)
- 12 Motor racing Le Mans 24-hours, France
- 13 Motor racing Formula One Canadian Grand Prix, Montreal
- 13 Motorcycling Superbikes R6, Germany
- 14 Tennis Nottingham Open (to 20); Direct Line Insurance Women's Championships, Eastbourne (to 20); pre-Wimbledon qualifying, Roehampton (to 17)
- 15 Equestrianism Aachen Horse Show, Germany (to 20)
- 17 Racing Ascot Gold Cup, Royal Ascot
- 17 Golf US Open Pinehurst, North Carolina (to 20)
- 17 Rowing World Cup, Vienna (to 20)
- 19 Fila Football Women's World Cup, US (to 10 July)
- 19 Athletics European Cup, Paris (to 20)
- 19 Motor racing British Touring Car, Donington Park (to 12)
- 20 Motorcycling 500cc Catalanian GP
- 21 Tennis The Championships Wimbledon (Men & Women) (to 4 June)
- 25 Cricket Oxford University v Cambridge University, Lord's (to 28)
- 26 Rugby Union Wales v South Africa
- 26 Motorcycling 500cc Netherlands GP
- 27 Motorcycling Superbikes Round 7, San Marino
- 27 Motor racing Formula One French Grand Prix, Magny-Cours
- 27 Athletics British Grand Prix II, Gateshead
- 29 Golf European Team Championship, Monticello (to 31)
- 30 Rowing Henley Royal Regatta (to 4 June)
- 30 Athletics Golden League meeting, Oslo

- Racing 2000 Guineas, Newmarket  
 Rugby League Silk Cup Challenge Cup final  
 Basketball Budweiser Championships, Wembley (to 2)  
 Racing 1000 Guineas, Newmarket  
 Motor racing Formula One San Marino Grand Prix, Imola  
 Motorcycling Superbikes Round 3, Donington  
 AXA FA Women's Cup Final  
 Tennis German Open, Hamburg (to 9)  
 Hockey EHL Premiership finals, Milton Keynes  
 Off Open de France, (to 9)  
 Equestrianism Badminton Horse Trials (to 9)  
 Boxing ABA England v Scotland, Hull  
 Cricket World Cup warm-up matches Kent v England; Northants v Sri Lanka; Somerset v Kenya; Essex v South Africa; Worcester v Zimbabwe  
 Cricket World Cup warm-up matches; Durham v Scotland; Derby v Pakistan; Essex v Gloucestershire; Glamorgan v Australia; Gloucester v Sri Lanka; Hampshire v New Zealand  
 Football Welsh Cup Final  
 Rallying Rally de France - Tour de Corse, Ajaccio  
 Tennis Cup final, Milton Keynes  
 Cricket World Cup warm-up matches Derbyshire v Lancashire; Essex v England; Gloucester v Kenya; Nottingham v Sri Lanka; Kent v South Africa; Yorkshire v India  
 Motorcycling 500cc Spanish GP  
 Tennis Italian Open, Rome (to 16)  
 Cricket World Cup warm-up matches Durham v Lancashire; Lancashire v Scotland; Middlesex v Gloucestershire; Surrey v New Zealand; Warwickshire v Somerset; Worcestershire v Australia  
 Cricket World Cup warm-up matches Glamorgan v Hampshire; Hampshire v England; Leicestershire v Sri Lanka; Middlesex v South Africa; Nottinghamshire v Warwickshire; Warwickshire v Zimbabwe  
 Football UEFA Cup final  
 Cricket World Cup warm-up matches Somerset v Australia; Surrey v West Indies; Sussex v New Zealand; Northants v Bangladesh; Yorkshire v Scotland; Lancashire v Pakistan  
 Golf Benson and Hedges International, Oxford (to 16)  
 Equestrianism Royal Windsor Horse Show  
 Strabazon Trophy, Moortown (to 16)  
 Fencing British Epee Championships  
 Cycling Tour of Italy (to 6 June)  
 Motor sport British Touring Car, Brands Hatch (to 16)
- Football FA Umbro Trophy Final, Wembley; FA Youth Cup final  
 Rugby Union Tetley's Bitter Cup Final; Swalec Cup final, Millennium Stadium  
 Racing Locking Stakes, Newbury  
 16 Football Football League Play-Offs semi-finals first legs  
 Football FA Carlsberg Vase final, Wembley  
 Motor racing Formula One Monaco Grand Prix  
 Hockey Women's Cup final, Milton Keynes  
 Motorcycling Superbikes R4, Spain  
 17 Badminton World Championships, Brøndbyhallen, Copenhagen, Denmark (to 23)  
 Tennis ATP Tour World Team Championship, Düsseldorf (to 23)  
 19 Football European Cup-Winners' Cup final  
 Football League Play-Offs semi-finals second legs  
 20 Judo Senior European Championships (to 23)  
 21 Golf Deutsche Bank - SAP Open - TPC of France, Heidelberg, Germany (to 24)  
 22 Football FA Cup final  
 22 Rallying Rally Argentina, Cordoba (to 25)  
 Equestrianism Chatsworth Horse Trials (to 23)  
 23 Athletics European Clubs Championships  
 23 Cycling Prutour, Great Britain (to 29)  
 Rugby Union All-Ireland Premier One Championships v World XV  
 Motorcycling 500cc French GP  
 24 Tennis French Open (to 6 June)  
 26 Football European Cup final  
 27 Equestrianism Windsor Horse Trials (to 30)  
 27 Gymnastics Rhythmic Gymnastics, Euro Championships, Budapest (to 30)  
 Rowing World Cup, Munich (to 30)  
 28 Golf Volvo PGA Championship, Wentworth (to 31)  
 Karate European Karate Fed. Senior Championships, Athens (to 30)  
 Swimming Super Grand Prix, Sheffield (to 30)  
 29 Football Tannets Scottish Cup final  
 29 Football League Play-Offs final, Third Division  
 Rugby Union Middlesex Sevens, Twickenham  
 Canoeing UK National Championships, Abersoch, Wales (to 1/6)  
 30 Football League Play-Off final, Second Division  
 Motor racing Formula One Spanish Grand Prix, Catalonia  
 British Touring Car Oulton Park (to 31)  
 Motorcycling Superbikes R5, Monza, Italy  
 31 Football League Play-Off final, First Division  
 Golf British Amateur Championship, Royal County Down (to 5 June)  
 Motor cycling TT Races, Isle of Man (to 11 June)

- 1 Cricket England v New Zealand first Test, Edgbaston (to 5)
- 2 Golf Murphy's Irish Open, Dublin (to 4)
- 2 Racing Eclipse Stakes, Sandown
- 2 Cycling Tour de France (to 25)
- 4 Motor racing British Touring Car Croft (to 4)
- 4 Motorcycling 500cc British GP, Donington
- 7 Equestrianism Royal International Horse Show, Hickstead (to 11)
- 8 Golf The Standard Life Loch Lomond, Glasgow (to 10)
- 8 Athletics Golden League meeting, Rome
- 8 Racing July Cup, Newmarket
- 12 Swimming National Swimming and Diving Champs (inc European Trials) (to 11)
- 12 Rowing World Cup, Lucerne (to 11)
- 10 Cricket Super Cup semi-final 1, Edgbaston
- 11 Cricket Super Cup semi-final 2, Edgbaston
- 11 Motor Racing FI British Grand Prix, Silverstone
- 11 Golf Open final qualifying, Panmure (to 12)
- 12 Motorcycling Superbikes R6, Laguna Seca, US
- 12 Swimming European Long Distance Swimming Cup (Skm), Bosworth Water
- 13 Tennis LTA Manchester Challenger (to 18)
- 14 Football European Champions' League, first qualifying round, first leg
- 15 Golf 128th Open Championship, Carnoustie (to 18)
- 16 Rallying New Zealand Rally, Auckland (to 18)

- 1 Athletics IAAF World Youth Championships, Bydgoszcz, Poland (to 18)
- 1 Motor racing British Touring Car, Snetterton (to 18)
- 1 Rowing National Championships, Nottingham (to 18)
- 1 Tennis Davis Cup World Group (second round)
- 18 Motorcycling 500cc German GP
- 21 Football European Champions' League, first qualifying round, second leg
- 22 Athletics Golden League meeting, Paris
- 22 Cricket England v New Zealand second Test Match, Lord's (to 28)
- 23 Golf TNT Dutch Open, Amsterdam (to 25)
- 23 Athletics AAA Championships, venue tba (to 25)
- 23 Swimming European Championships, Turkey (to 1/8)
- 24 Racing King George VI and Queen Elizabeth Stakes, Ascot
- 25 Motor Racing Formula One Austrian Grand Prix, A1-Ring
- 26 Golf English Amateur Championship, St Mellion (to 31)
- 28 Racing Sussex Stakes, Goodwood
- 28 Football Confederation Cup, Mexico (to 8/8)
- 28 Football European Champions' League, second qualifying round, first leg
- 30 Golf Smurfit European Open, Dublin (to 2/8)
- 31 Equestrianism British Horse Trials Championships, Gatcombe Park (to 1/8)
- 31 Sailing Cowes Week (to 7/8)
- 31 Motor racing British Touring Car Thruxton (to 1/8)

- 1 Cricket Super Cup final, Lord's
- 1 Motor Racing F1 German GP, Hockenheim
- 1 Motorcycling Superbikes Round 8, Brands Hatch
- 1 Equestrianism Dublin Horse Show (to 8)
- 1 Hockey Men's and Women's Four Nations Tournament, Milton Keynes (to 8)
- 1 Football European Champions' League, second qualifying round, second leg
- 1 Rowing World Junior Championships, Bulgaria (to 8)
- 1 Athletics Golden League meeting, Monte Carlo
- 5 Cricket England v New Zealand third Test, Old Trafford (to 9)
- 5 Golf Volvo Scandinavian Masters, Malmö, Sweden (to 8)
- 6 Athletics Welsh Games, Cardiff
- 6 Athletics European Junior Champs, Latvia (to 8)
- 7 Athletics British Grand Prix meeting, Sheffield
- 7 Football Charity Shield, tba
- 7 Motorcycling 500cc tba
- 10 Football UEFA Cup, qualifying round, first leg
- 11 Football European Champions' League, third qualifying round, first leg
- 12 Athletics Golden League meeting, Zurich
- 12 Golf US PGA Championship, Medinah, Chicago; Women's British Open, Woburn (to 15)
- 14 Football Premier League season starts
- 14 Cricket NatWest Trophy semi-final 1, Old Trafford
- 14 Motor racing British Touring Car, Knockhill (to 15)

- 15 Cricket NatWest Trophy semi-final 2, Old Trafford
- 15 Motor Racing F1 Hungarian GP, Hungaroring
- 17 Racing Juddmonte International, York
- 18 Cricket England v New Zealand fourth Test, The Oval (to 23)
- 18 Hockey Women's European Nations Cup, Cologne (to 28)
- 19 Racing Nunthorpe Stakes, York
- 19 Golf BMW International Open, Munich, Germany (to 29)
- 20 Athletics World Championships, Seville (to 29)
- 20 Rallying Neste Rally Finland, Jyväskylä (to 22)
- 21 Rugby Union Wales v Canada
- 22 Rowing World Champs, Canada (to 29)
- 22 Motorcycling 500cc Czech Republic GP
- 24 Football UEFA Cup, qualifying round, second leg
- 25 Equestrianism European Show Jumping Championships, British Jumping Derby, Hickstead (to 30)
- 25 Football European Champions' League, third qualifying round, second leg
- 26 Golf WGC-NEC International, Ohio, US (to 29)
- 28 Rugby Union Wales v France
- 29 Cricket NatWest Trophy Final, Lord's
- 29 Motorcycling Superbikes R10, Austria
- 29 Motor Racing Formula One Belgian Grand Prix, Spa; British Touring Car Brands Hatch (to 30)
- 30 Tennis US Open (to 12/9)

- 1 Hockey Men's European Nations Cup, Padova (to 17)
- 1 Athletics Golden League meeting, Brussels
- 2 Equestrianism Burghley Horse Trials (to 5)
- 4 Racing Haydock Park Sprint Cup, Haydock
- 4 Football Euro 2000 qualifiers Croatia v Rep of Ireland; Bosnia v Scotland; England v Luxembourg; Belarus v Wales
- 5 Gymnastics Men's Gymnastics British Championships, Fenton Manor (to 5)
- 5 Cycling Tour of Spain (to 26)
- 5 Ice Hockey Sekonda Superleague season starts
- 5 Motorcycling Superbikes R11, Netherlands
- 5 500cc San Marino GP
- 8 Football Euro 2000 qualifiers Malta v Rep of Ireland; Estonia v Scotland; Poland v England
- 9 Equestrianism Blenheim Horse Trials (to 12)
- 10 Racing St Leger Stakes, Doncaster
- 11 Athletics Grand Prix Final, Munich
- 11 Motor Racing British Touring Car, Oulton Park (to 12)
- 11 Golf Walker Cup, Naim (to 12)
- 12 Motor Racing F1 Italian Grand Prix, Monza
- 12 Rugby League Super League, final weekend
- 12 Motorcycling Superbikes Round 12, Germany
- 12 Tennis President's Cup, Tashkent

- 13 Tennis Samsung Open, Bournemouth
- 14 Football UEFA Cup, first round, first leg
- 16 Rallying 555 China Rally, Beijing (to 19)
- 16 Equestrianism European Three-Day Event Championships, Luhmühlen, Germany (to 19)
- 17 Equestrianism National Dressage Championships, Stoneleigh (to 19)
- 18 Motor Racing British Touring Car, Silverstone (to 19)
- 19 Motorcycling 500cc Spanish Valencia GP
- 22 Golf Home International, Royal Co Down (to 24)
- 24 Golf Ryder Cup, The Country Club, Mass (to 26)
- 24 Tennis Davis Cup World Group (semi-finals) (to 26)
- 26 Motor Racing Formula One European Grand Prix, Nurburgring
- 26 Racing Filleas Mile, Ascot
- 27 Tennis Grand Slam Cup, Munich
- 28 Gymnastics Rhythmic World Championships, Osaka (to 3/10)
- 28 Racing Cheveley Park Stakes, Newmarket
- 28 Football UEFA Cup, first round, second leg
- 29 Equestrianism Horse of the Year Show, Wembley Arena (to 3 October)
- 30 Racing Middle Park Stakes, Newmarket

- 3 Racing Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe, Longchamp
- 3 Motorcycling 500cc Australian Grand Prix
- 7 Judo World Championships, NIA, Birmingham (to 10)
- 8 Golf Alfred Dunhill Cup, St Andrews (to 10)
- 8 Football England international, tba
- 8 Cycling World Road Championships, Verona (to 10)
- 9 Football Euro 2000 qualifiers: Scotland v Lithuania; Wales v Switzerland; England international tba
- 9 Gymnastics Men and Women's World Championships, Tianjin, China (to 16)
- 10 Rallying San Remo-Italy Rally (to 13)
- 10 Motorcycling Superbikes R13, Japan; 500cc South African Grand Prix
- 14 Golf Cisco World Matchplay Championship, Wentworth (to 17)

- 16 Racing Champion Stakes, Newmarket
- 16 Baseball World Series (to 24)
- 17 Motor Racing Formula One Malaysian Grand Prix, Kuala Lumpur
- 19 Football UEFA Cup, second round, first leg
- 20 Cycling World Track Championships, Berlin (to 24)
- 24 Motorcycling 500cc Brazilian Grand Prix
- 25 Tennis Eurocard Open, Stuttgart
- 25 Selling Americas Cup Challenger Series 1, New Zealand (to 7/11)
- 28 Table Tennis Men's World Cup, tba (to 31)
- 28 Golf Volvo Masters, Jerez, Spain (to 31)
- 31 Motor Racing Formula One Japanese Grand Prix, Suzuka
- 31 Motorcycling 500cc Argentinian Grand Prix

- 1 Tennis Davis Cup final
- 4 Ice Hockey Benson and Hedges Cup final, Sheffield Arena
- 4 Selling Americas Cup Challenger Series 3, New Zealand (to 17)
- 7 Rugby Union Varsity Match, Twickenham
- 7 Football UEFA Cup, third round, second leg

- 17 Golf European Tour Qualifying School, San Roque
- 18 Golf World Cup of Golf, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia (to 21)
- 20 Rallying Network Q Rally of Great Britain, Cheltenham (to 23)
- 22 Tennis ATP World Tour Championship, Hanover
- 23 Football UEFA Cup, third round, first leg
- 27 Racing Hennessy Gold Cup Handicap Chase, Newbury

- 3 Tennis Davis Cup final
- 4 Ice Hockey Benson and Hedges Cup final, Sheffield Arena
- 4 Selling Americas Cup Challenger Series 3, New Zealand (to 17)
- 7 Rugby Union Varsity Match, Twickenham
- 7 Football UEFA Cup, third round, second leg

- 12 Athletics European Cross Country Championships, Velenje, Slovenia
- 16 Swimming British Winter Nationals, Ponds Forge, Sheffield (to 18)
- 16 Equestrianism Olympia Show Jumping Championships (to 20)
- 27 Ice Hockey Superleague All Star Game
- 27 Racing King George VI Chase, Kempton



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## WEEKLY MAIN MOVERS

RISES				FALLS			
	PRICE/PT	WEEK/PT	%CHANGE		PRICE/PT	WEEK/PT	%CHANGE
Wildcat PLS	348.00	37.76	12.57	Gallagher gpy	411.25	-24.00	-5.83
Unifiber PLS	667.00	78.00	11.73	Scottish Power	611.00	-24.00	-3.92
Telecom PLS	167.50	17.50	11.67	Royal & Sun AI	485.00	-16.00	-3.28
Reco PLS	988.50	100.00	11.05	ESB PLS	456.00	-14.00	-3.05
WPP PLS	77.50	36.00	10.89	ICI PLS	534.00	-11.00	-2.06
Miles PLS	321.00	75.00	10.05	Thomas Wat	1160.00	-90.00	-7.76
EMI corp	262.75	262.75	8.28	DOCS Corp	846.50	-52.00	-6.14
CGM PLS	929.00	77.00	9.85	ScottSouth Sea	675.00	-19.00	-2.81
Colo Telecom	325.00	73.00	8.82	Centrica PLS	117.00	-9.00	-7.70
Stelo PLS	226.75	18.25	8.17	National Grid	409.50	-6.00	-1.47

## MARKET LEADERS

TOP 20 VOLUMES					
Rank	Title	Rank	Title	Rank	Title
1	Albert Fisher	7	STR	13	TRY
2	Bill Neumann	8	Shel Transp-Rag	14	Marie & Spencer
3	Luceamery	9	Shel Airways	15	Adaptive Search
4	Prosmace	10	Telecom	16	Coronas
5	Phillegan	11	PTC	17	Aurb
6	Signac	12	Presley Oil	18	Lloyds TSB


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# BUSINESS

## Big spenders head for crisis

### BRIEFING

#### Markets edge up as euro looms

SHARES GAINED ground in the US and Europe yesterday in extremely quiet trading, but more gloom about Japan's economy pulled Tokyo and Hong Kong shares lower. The London stock exchange was closed for the Bank Holiday.

Wall Street was led up by technology stocks. The Dow had risen 31 points, 0.3 per cent, to 9,250.03 by mid-morning. The Nasdaq was up 25 points, or 1.2 per cent, at 2,188.47.

In Europe - where preparations for the euro kept trading volumes low - one of the biggest gainers was DaimlerChrysler. It reported a 13 per cent rise in group revenues (on the previous combined figures of Daimler-Benz and Chrysler) to \$148bn (\$99bn). 1998 profits would be significantly higher than the combined 1997 total, the company said. Finland's Nokia advanced on reports of strong Christmas sales of mobile phones.

But in Tokyo the Nikkei index fell 89 points to 13,709.96. Hong Kong's Hang Seng fell 122 points to 10,170.14. Taiwan's market tumbled 201.35 points to 6,481.65.

#### Germany faces exports collapse

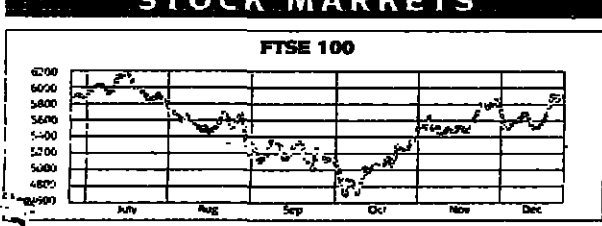
GERMANY'S DOLE queues are expected to reduce in 1999, but the outlook for Europe's largest economy remains subdued, the country's leading economic institutes forecast yesterday. "Exports will weaken dramatically," Karl Heinrich Oppenlander, president of the Ifo institute, told the *Hamburger Abendblatt*.

The institutes said this would be offset by significant growth in domestic demand. Four of think-tanks forecast gross GDP growth of between 1.7 and 2.3 per cent, while a fifth predicted only 1.4 per cent. All expected strong domestic demand to cut unemployment by 200,000 to 300,000, but they said wage demands posed a risk. Werner Müller, the Economics Minister, (pictured) called on the unions to temper wage claims.

#### Small firms look to cash flow

CONFIDENCE IS low among small UK businesses, a survey published yesterday shows. Nine out of 10 firms among 300 with turnover of less than £1m said improving cash flow could be their priority. Keith Higley, managing director of Alex Lawrie, the business finance specialist that did the survey, said: "With growth predicted to slow to below 1 per cent in 1999, it is encouraging that small firms are heeding the warning signs by concentrating on cash flow."

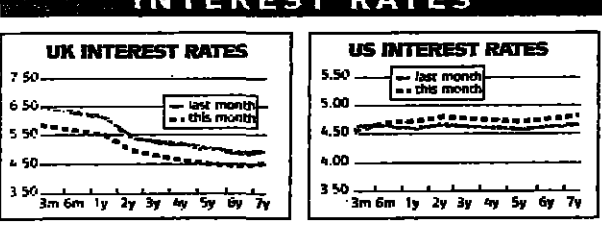
#### STOCK MARKETS



#### INDICES

Index	Close	Wk's ch	Wk's ch (%)	52 wk high	52 wk low	Vol (m)
FTSE 100	5867.20	182.00	3.20	6183.7	4599.2	...
FTSE 250	4812.80	116.90	2.49	5970.9	4247.6	...
FTSE 350	2762.50	82.70	3.09	2969.1	2210.4	...
FTSE All Share	2663.74	78.53	3.04	2886.52	2143.53	3.491
FTSE SmallCap	2052.40	40.30	2.00	2793.8	1834.4	4.093
FTSE Fledgling	1139.80	15.70	1.40	1517.1	1046.2	0.004
FTSE AIM	792.10	-3.10	-0.39	1146.9	761.3	0.002
FTSE EBLCC 100	986.98	...	...	...	...	...
Dow Jones	9217.99	342.17	3.86	9380.2	7400.3	1.624
Nikkei	13706.73	-420.26	-2.99	17352.95	12787.9	1.069
Hang Seng	10292.20	-208.89	-2.07	11926.16	6544.79	3.027
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#### INTEREST RATES



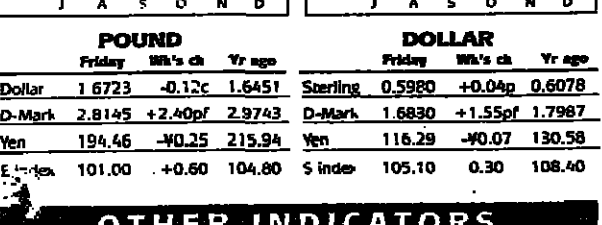
#### MONEY MARKET RATES

Index	3 month	6 month	1 year	2 year	3 year	5 year	7 year
UK	6.35	-1.34	5.68	-2.00	4.44	-1.76	4.32
US	5.28	-0.62	5.16	-0.81	4.77	...	5.22
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#### BOND YIELDS

Index	3 month	6 month	1 year	2 year	3 year	5 year	7 year
UK	6.35	-1.34	5.68	-2.00	4.44	-1.76	4.32
US	5.28	-0.62	5.16	-0.81	4.77	...	5.22
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#### CURRENCIES



#### OTHER INDICATORS

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Brent Oil (\$)	9.96	0.42	4.39	16.99	...	...
Gold (\$)	266.15	-5.60	-2.09	296.45	...	...
Silver (\$)	4.91	-0.11	-2.22	6.03	...	...
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#### TOURIST RATES

Country	Rate	Country	Rate
Australia (\$)	2.6340	Mexican (nuevo peso)	14.85
Austria (schillings)	19.02	Netherlands (guilders)	3.0502
Belgium (francs)	55.91	New Zealand (\$)	3.0793
Canada (\$)	2.5137	Norway (krone)	12.45
Cyprus (pounds)	0.7996	Portugal (escudos)	276.31
Denmark (krone)	10.36	Saudi Arabia (rials)	6.0935
Finland (markka)	8.2960	Singapore (\$)	2.6473
France (francs)	9.0878	Spain (pesetas)	230.08
Germany (marks)	2.7197	South Africa (rands)	9.5253
Greece (drachma)	455.23	Sweden (krone)	13.08
Hong Kong (\$)	12.50	Switzerland (francs)	2.2147
Ireland (pounds)	1.0888	Taiwan (bahts)	55.79
India (rupees)	63.93	Turkey (liras)	494.574
Japan (yen)	189.45	USA (\$)	1.6252
Malaysia (ringgits)	6.0780	...	...
Malta (lira)	0.6071	...	...

#### PRESIDENT BILL CLINTON

was not alone late last year when he first characterised the economic turmoil in Asia as "a few small glitches in the road". Expert opinion was then pretty well united in the belief that the region's problems would not amount to a row of beans. The experts know better now.

Mr Clinton's gung-ho optimism was not wholly misplaced. Although much of Asia has sunk, the American economy has enjoyed another year's robust expansion in excess of 3.5 per cent, substantially faster than was expected a year ago. And thanks to the American locomotive, the world outside Asia and Japan has enjoyed a rate of growth - around 3 per cent - that compares favourably with the 2 per cent or so annual average this decade.

The key question is whether all this can last. For without America, one would need to look to Europe or Japan to take up the running. As far as 1999 is concerned, the candid reply about America is "don't know". History is replete with examples of booms



BILL CLINTON  
MARTIN GODLEY

that continue for longer than anyone expects - or, just as unpredictably, reverse into recession.

But looking ahead over the next few years, it seems to us wholly improbable that the United States could continue to act as the world's spender of last resort. Indeed, the medium-term outlook appears exceedingly bleak.

One reason is capacity. America's long recovery from its early 1990s recession has not been built on a miracle of technological advance, but rather on a substantial reduction in unemployment. Even allowing for efficiency improvements, it is unlikely that America could

sustain medium-term growth much above 2 per cent without running into bottlenecks.

But even more important than supply potential is the question of demand. In the face of a bigger budget surplus and a worsening trade performance, American demand has been kept alive by a tremendous burst of spending by households and companies well in excess of the advance in after-tax incomes. A now-unprecedented gap between private spending and income has been financed by lots of borrowing.

The impact on economic activity has been profound. In 1998, the volume of private spending probably rose by around 6 per cent, almost twice the increase in disposable income. Without this excess private spending and increased net borrowing, the economy would have stagnated.

Could this pattern of growth continue? The answer is a resounding "no". Without a fiscal boost, private spending would need to continue to rise faster than private income. The result would be a fabulous increase in

indebtedness, both domestic and overseas.

In a report just published by the Research Group at Phillips & Drew, we illustrate the dimensions of the problem. To keep the economy ticking along at a 2 per cent or so rate of growth, private spending would eventually need to exceed income by an amount equivalent to over 8 per cent of the gross domestic product, double the unprecedented 1998 level. Outstanding private debt would escalate from nearly 1.7 to 2.4 times annual income and external debt would rise to over 30 per cent of GDP thanks to a large and widening trade gap.

Evidently, the present pattern of American growth cannot continue. At some stage, private sector spending will subside to a rate at best equal to, and more probably below, the growth of incomes. If it had not already done so, the stock market bubble behind much of today's spending buoyancy would burst, amplifying the deflation.

Britain's experience before and after the late 1980s boom offers a parallel. Spurred by explosive house prices and

financial deregulation, Britain's private sector overspent its income at the peak by 6 per cent of GDP. Nemesis came during the next three years as a deep and brutal recession. But even if we assume in America's case a much less marked reversion in saving behaviour, we find that the shock could potentially wipe out economic growth on average over the next five years.

The collateral damage to the rest of the world would be severe, but very unevenly distributed. Worst affected would be those economies heavily reliant on exports to America - Canada, Asia and Latin America. Thanks to their much lower exposure, Europe and Japan would suffer least from a US stagnation, although a further shock to a depressed Japan hardly bears contemplation.

But surely none of this could happen? Would not economic policy respond with vigour to the potential deflation and substantially cushion the blow? Our answer is "yes" and possibly "no". Yes, interest rates would be brought down swiftly - but in the advanced world there is not that much room for

manoeuvre. Nominal interest rates might have to fall to zero simply to match falling price expectations. If so, there would be no scope to offset the deflation by monetary means.

The spotlight is therefore turned on fiscal policy. Fiscal expansion would be a more promising option, but cannot be undertaken by America alone. If America merely replaced deficient private demand with extra public demand, the economy would run ever larger current account deficits. The only plausible solution would be co-ordinated fiscal pump priming in Europe and America. And how likely is that? Bill Clinton is savouring the budget surplus while European governments face institutional and intellectual hurdles enshrined in the oxymoronic Stability and Growth Pact. Yet without a radical rethink by policy makers of their fiscal aversion, the world may face a road disfigured by glitches, if not the abyss.

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## And the 1998 winner is... Costa Rica!

News Analysis: Despite the worst global financial crisis in a quarter of a century, some stock markets provided sparkling returns

FORGET UK blue chips, US industrials and Far Eastern growth stocks. If you wanted to make serious money on the stock markets in 1998, Costa Rican equities and European high-technology stocks were the ones to go for. If you bet on companies in Russia, China or Venezuela, however, you probably lost your shirt.

The tiny Costa Rican exchange was the stock market star of 1998, soaring in value by almost 90 per cent - six times greater than the percentage gain in the UK's FTSE 100.

Nasdaq, the fledgling European market for high-technology stocks, came a close second, gaining almost 80 per cent. Anyone who put their money in Finnish equities should also have come up smelling of roses. The Hex General index soared by 50 per cent, far outperforming stock markets elsewhere in Scandinavia.

The key to the success of Costa Rica - as well as several other smaller emerging equity markets such as Panama, Ghana and Morocco - was that investors were forced to look for new sources of high returns after the collapse of equity markets in the more familiar emerging economies such as Brazil and Mexico. The relative illiquidity of these smaller markets was another important factor.

Michael Hughes of Baring Asset Management said: "People are moving away from the core emerging markets and looking at markets they were not allowed to invest in or were not interested in before."

Another leading analyst said: "Costa Rica is a tiny market, and so its stock market index can be affected by small trades. Combine that with the fact that it's never had much investor interest before, and you can see how a few big buyers coming in can really move the market."

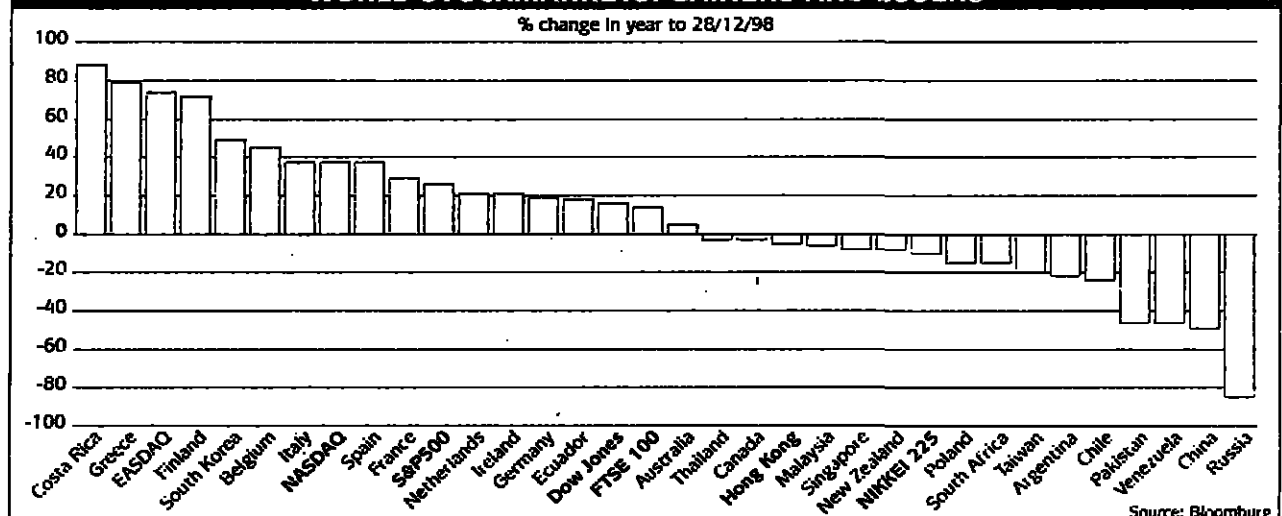
High-technology stocks were one of 1998's success stories. Nasdaq, the US high-tech market, had a good year - the benchmark Nasdaq composite index was up by almost 40 per cent. But it was outdone by companies listed on Easdaq, Nasdaq's European equivalent. Investors realised there was value to be had in telecommunication and IT companies based in Europe.

Mr Hughes said: "Internet usage began to explode in 1998, and a lot of telecoms stocks - which benefited from increased Internet connections - did well."

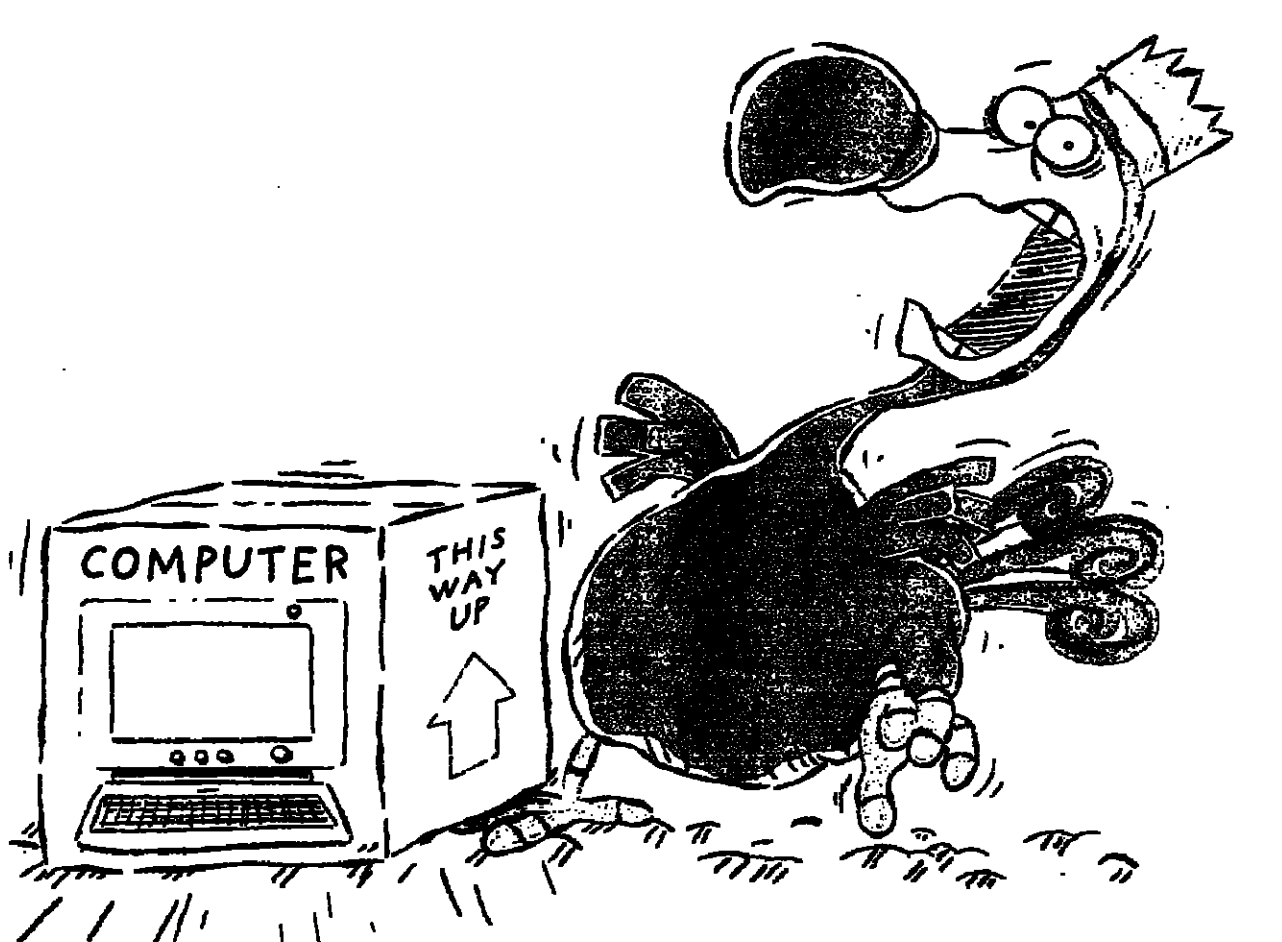
The boom in European high-tech stocks helped Finland where Nokia, the mobile phone company, accounts for 50 per cent of the market. But this was not the only reason why Finnish stocks boomed - the advent of economic and monetary union in Europe also played a role.

Sharda Persaud at Paribas said: "At the start of 1998, there were a lot of things people didn't know about Finland. One of these was whether Finland was going to make the first round of

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# Rugby union becoming closed to the professions

HERE IS one wish for 1999. It is, I am afraid, little more than a wish, a pious hope, but it may be worth setting down all the same. It is that the administrators, the clubs' new owners, the players and the supporters, all come to some collective agreement that rugby union cannot and ought not to be a fully professionalised sport - any more than rugby league is, or cricket should be, if that game's controllers could see further than their noses.

Some hope. The pride of too many people is by now too much involved. I do not understand why such figures as Sir John Hall, Ashley Levett, Nigel Wray and Chris Wright



ALAN WATKINS

should want to throw their money away. They might just as well have a bonfire of fine old English banknotes in the back garden every Saturday night. This is evidently what they

want to do, however, for much the same reason, I suppose, that leads other people to want to own newspapers. Their proprietorship gives them an importance, a position in society - or so they hope - which they would otherwise not possess.

The prestige of leading players has remained unaffected by professionalisation. Indeed, in the Celtic nations it has probably declined. There are no real modern equivalents of Barry John or Bloddy Williams. Andy Irvine or Gavin Hastings, Mike Gibson or Willie John McBride, to name but a few. The supply of heroes has dried up. It is perhaps significant that England's one

recent attempt to create a hero of their own in the person of Will Carling should have ended in 1998 in such ignominious failure.

But unlike some commentators, I do not stigmatise the leading players of today, distinctly on the anti-heroic side though some of them may be, as "greedy." If the money is on offer, they are entitled to take it. It is not they who have created a false market which depends on the beneficence of a few rich men, notably Rupert Murdoch and of various more shadowy figures at the BBC and in ITV.

One sadness is that rugby at the highest level is becoming

closed to graduates generally and, in particular, those who intend to follow the profession of medicine or the law. True, barristers have never been especially thick on the ground in top-class rugby, with a few exceptions such as Carl Harford of England and Rowe Harford of Wales. But there have been solicitors all over the place, like moths in old books.

The best known recent example was that unorthodox creature, Brian Moore. Paradoxically, it was Moore who, more than any other player - through his justified intransigence with the England authorities - saw in the new age. He was, if he will forgive the

metaphor, the midwife, even though he had to abandon the child on account partly of his advancing years and partly of his profession. He told me a year or so ago that it would be impossible for him, or for anyone, to be at once a practising solicitor and a professional rugby player.

The same applies to medical students or practitioners. In 1947 the England centres were two students from St Mary's Hospital, Nigel Bennett and Keith Scott. They were succeeded by a greater player, Lewis Cennell, of the same hospital. Perhaps the last of the line was Mike Hutton, of Richmond, who was playing along-

side Allan Bateman (a former medical laboratory technician) in the centre only months ago but has now retired to concentrate on his duties at Kingston Hospital.

If it had not been for his terrible injury, Gwyn Jones would still be playing. In a recent interview he said that if it had not been for the accident, he would have taken a few years off from his medical studies to concentrate wholly on rugby instead.

Jones must be assumed to know his own business, and both his parents are doctors, too. But I very much doubt whether it is possible to take two or three years out of a med-

ical course and then pick it up at the point at which you put it down.

Schoolteachers are in a better position to start life again because their course is shorter, and they can be qualified in their early 20s. Even so, to devote the rest of that decade of their lives to professional rugby leaves them behind those colleagues who had already started their careers.

And will Dean Richards, the current manager of Leicester, ever go back to the beat? I wish him well. But I also know that many of his younger colleagues will be asking themselves "what do I do next?" once 34 hoves into view.

# Jacke comes up trumps for the Cards

THE ARIZONA Cardinals have not won a play-off game since 1947, have failed to win their division since 1975, and last qualified for post-season play 16 years ago. For much of their long but less than illustrious history they have come to embody futility and ineptitude. In this, their centenary year, things are finally changing because the Cardinals are through to the play-offs following an extraordinary 16-13 triumph over the San Diego Chargers.

The Cards were aware that destiny lay in their own hands - a win, and they were in. In typical Arizona fashion they made heavy work of it all, and the game appeared set for overtime when the San Diego quarterback, Craig Whelihan, threw a 20-yard touchdown pass to Ryan Thelwell with just 16 seconds remaining.

Instead, Eric Metcalfe, a former Charger, returned the ensuing kick-off into San Diego territory, and as time expired Chris Jacke converted a 51-yard field goal to send the long-suffering Cardinals' fans into delirium.

Ironically, Jacke had earlier missed two far simpler attempts, but he seems to thrive under pressure - this was the third week in a row that he had won a game with a kick in the dying seconds.

Arizona probably deserve their moment in the spotlight. Their promising young quar-

AMERICAN FOOTBALL  
BY NICK HALLING

terback, Jake Plummer, showed glimpses of why the franchise has elected to pay him a staggering \$29.7m (£18.2m) over the next four years, while Kwame Lassiter equalled an NFL record with four interceptions of the wretched Whelihan. On this evidence, Arizona's involvement in the post season will be terminated by the Dallas Cowboys, their opponents next week.

It was another weekend of record-setting achievements around the league. The Minnesota Vikings became only the third team to win 15 games in a season with their 26-16 success against the Tennessee Oilers. Their kicker, Gary Anderson, successfully converted three field goals and two extra-point attempts to become the first player in history not to miss a kick all season.

The Atlanta Falcons were too strong for the Miami Dolphins, prevailing 36-16. Running back Jamal Anderson gained 103 yards while establishing a new record for most rushing attempts in a season - the overworked Anderson finished with 410 carries, breaking a 16-year-old record.

Once again, the Falcons were inspired by their ailing coach, Dan Reeves, who un-

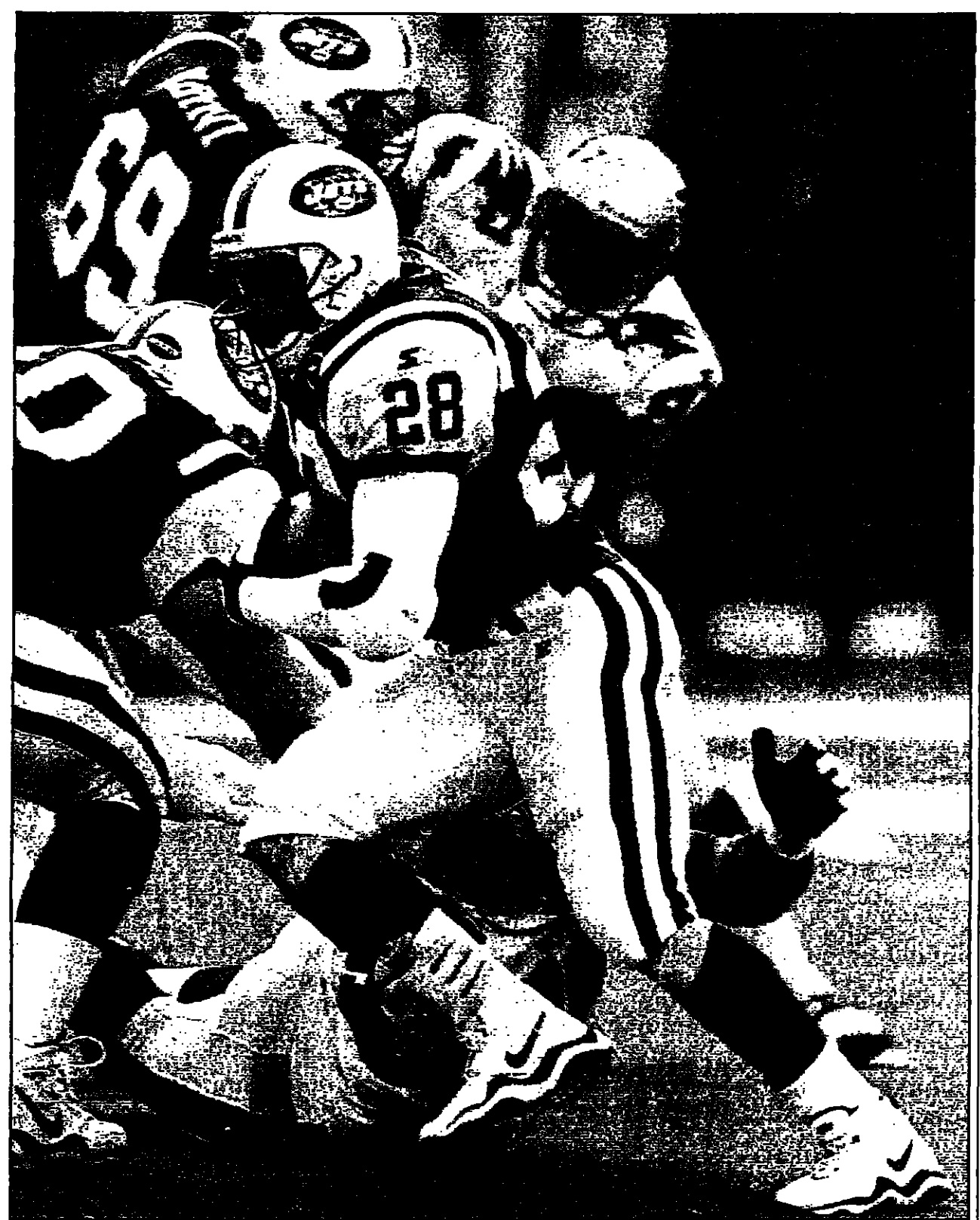
derwent quadruple heart bypass surgery two weeks ago, yet left hospital to make a speech to his players before the game. "It was definitely a motivating factor for us," said the Atlanta quarterback, Chris Chandler.

The Denver Broncos returned to winning ways with a 28-21 victory over the Seattle Seahawks. Having won their first 13 matches, the current Super Bowl champions needed a win to settle their nerves after two successive losses. John Elway produced four touchdown passes, and running back Terrell Davis gained 178 yards, thereby becoming only the fourth player ever to rush for 2,000 yards in a season.

The Broncos remain favoured to retain their title, but stern opposition may come from the rejuvenated New York Jets. After losing their first two matches, the Jets have won 12 of their last 14, with the veteran quarterback, Vinny Testaverde, enjoying an unprecedented level of success.

Testaverde threw four more scoring passes in the Jets' 31-10 humbling of the New England Patriots to finish his campaign with 29 touchdowns.

The off-season purge of coaches began yesterday when Dom Capers of Carolina Panthers, Dave Wannstedt of Chicago Bears, Ted Marchibroda of Baltimore Ravens and Ray Rhodes of Philadelphia Eagles were all fired.



Curtis Martin, the New York Jets running back, powers his way to 102 rushing yards against New England Patriots AP

# Barbarians are out to restore their old image

THE GHOST of Christmas past was making a long-delayed appearance in Leicester this afternoon in the cosmopolitan shape of 15 Barbarians, some of them instantly recognisable and others rather less likely to have their progress through the East Midlands obstructed by autograph-hungry youngsters. The traditional festive bash may have the word "anachronism" stamped all over it, but given that last season's fixture

RUGBY UNION  
BY CHRIS HEWETT

was shifted unceremoniously to an anonymous date in mid-March, today's proceedings are something of a triumph for Mickey Steele-Bodger and his fellow selectors.

At one time, it was easier to break into the Baa-Baa committee's beloved East India Club without a tie than lay a

hand of one of the famous hooped shirts with which they have anointed the finest rugby talents in the world.

Sadly, the most famous invitation side of them all no longer command the same respect; not since 1995 has the annual Christmas match at Welford Road actually been played at Christmas and as a general rule the selectors now have to work overtime simply to raise a team.

To their credit, they will put something very decent before a 12,000-plus crowd this afternoon: three fine Italians - Massimo Cuttitta, Christian Stoica and the national captain, Massimo Giovanelli - are joined by a fistful of Scots, Craig Chalmers and Scott Hastings included, and Ireland's Eric Miller, who earlier this season left Leicester for the familiar comforts of home. In response, the Tigers include Martin John-

son, Austin Healey, Richard Cockerill, Neil Back and, for dessert as it were, a prop partnership of Graham Rowntree and Derek Jelley. Dean Richards, the coach, is said to be demanding a wobble-free scrummage.

"This fixture remains a big thing for me; I would have been 11 or 12 when I watched my first Baa-Baas game at Welford Road and I know how much the people of Leicester

love it," said Johnson yesterday. "Certainly, I would resist any move to abandon the fixture. I think we have a duty to put out a strong team and to perform well because a lot of those coming to watch us play themselves and therefore rarely get a chance to take in a Premiership match. Both teams will move the ball and hopefully everyone will get a buzz out of it."

There was not much in the

way of a buzz at Saracens yesterday as the fall-out from last weekend's startling 24-7 home defeat by London Scottish began to kick in.

Kyran Bracken, the cup holders' international scrum-half, will sit out the next three weeks with concussion while Alain Penaud, their French stand-off, is doubtful for Sunday's Premiership match with Bedford because of a "dead" leg.

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Pa	90%	Upper runs good	55 80	20.12	-2C	Changeable
<b>AUSTRIA</b>						
Soll	100%	Hoch Salze great	25 75	21.12	-2C	Cloudy, mild
Zell Am Ziller	80%	Good higher up	5 45	23.12	-2C	Cloudy
<b>CANADA</b>						
Tremblant	50%	Snow making	15 30	27.12	-5C	Brighter
<b>FRANCE</b>						
Crest Voland	20%	A few runs open	25 45	21.12	1C	Some cloud
Les Menuires	80%	Upper runs good	40 100	24.12	2C	Cloudier
<b>ITALY</b>						
Bardonecchia	20%	Only partly open	10 40	21.12	-2C	Light snow
La Villa	75%	10cm fresh snow	15 40	20.12	-7C	Cloudier
<b>NORWAY</b>						
Norredal	18%	Packed snow	20 30	09.12	-5C	Fine
<b>SWITZERLAND</b>						
Verbier	95%	Mont For excellent	15 80	24.12	4C	Cloudy
<b>UNITED STATES</b>						
Sugarbush	30%	Packed powder	25 75	20.12	-10C	Bright

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### AMERICAN FOOTBALL

NFL: Atlanta 38 Miami 16; Baltimore 19 Detroit 10; Chicago 13 Green Bay 16; Cincinnati 0 Tampa Bay 35; Indianapolis 19 Carolina 27; New Orleans 33 Buffalo 45; NY Jets 31 New England 10; Philadelphia 10 NY Giants 20; San Francisco 38 St Louis 19; Arizona 15 San Diego 13; Denver 28 Seattle 21; Dallas 23 Washington 7.

### AMERICAN FOOTBALL CONFERENCE

#### EASTERN DIVISION

New York Jets	12	4	416	266
Buffalo	10	6	400	333
New England	7	9	260	282
Indianapolis	3	13	310	444

#### CENTRAL DIVISION

Jacksonville	10	5	371	335
Tennessee	8	8	330	320
Pittsburgh	7	9	261	265
Baltimore	7	10	269	325
Cincinnati	3	13	268	452

#### WESTERN DIVISION

Denver	14	2	501	309
Seattle	8	8	372	310
Oakland	8	8	288	356
San Diego	5	11	306	379
San Francisco	5	11	261	342

### NATIONAL FOOTBALL CONFERENCE

#### EASTERN DIVISION

Dallas	10	6	381	275
Atlanta	9	7	325	378
Washington	6	10	319	421
Philadelphia	3	13	161	344

#### CENTRAL DIVISION

Minnesota	15	5	556	296
Green Bay	11	5	408	319
New York Giants	8	8	305	359
Carolina	5	12	336	413
St Louis	4	12	285	278

#### WESTERN DIVISION

Atlanta	14	2	502	289
Tampa Bay	12	4	479	328
New Orleans	6	10	305	359
Carolina	5	12	336	413
St Louis	4	12	285	278

1 through to play-offs.

### DARTS

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### FOOTBALL

Oleg Romanov, the head coach of Russian champions Spartak Moscow, took charge of the national team for the second time yesterday. He succeeds Anatoly Byshovets, who was sacked after five months in charge.

FA CUP: LONDON PREMIERSHIP: Tottenham 2-1; Arsenal 2-1; Chelsea 2-1; Manchester 2-1.

### ICE HOCKEY

NHL: Edmonton 3 Vancouver 0; Calgary 1 Colorado 2.

SENIOR SUPERLEAGUE (Monday): Ayr 5 Nottingham 4 (pt); Bracknell 5 Sheffield 4; Cardiff 5 Worcester 3 (pt); London 2 Manchester 1.

### MOTOR CYCLING

The former world motor cycling champion Ricardo Tomic died of

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leukemia on Sunday at the age of 46. Tomic won the 50cc world title in 1978 and 1981.

### RUGBY UNION

JEFFERSON NATIONAL LEAGUE ONE: Liverpool 35; Newcastle 15; Manchester 40; Reading 5; Hove 13; Chesham 15; Worcester 30; Clifton 10; Bridgwater 22; Northampton 13; Northwich 17; Plymouth 17; Redruth 25.

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Clifton	14	8	0	6	296	223	16
Northampton	15	8	0	7	278	267	16
Northwich	15	4	1	10	160	260	9
Chesham	15	7	1	7	304	369	15
Hove	15	7	8	238	233	14	
Bridgwater	15	7	8	232	241	14	
Worcester	15	6	9	287	273	12	
Sheffield	15	6	9	258	258	12	
Cardiff	15	4	1	10	160	260	9
Manchester	15	4	1	10	160	260	9
Cardiff	15	4	1	10	160	260	9

### SAILING

Mike Golding of Team Group 4 has closed to within 140 miles of the Class 1 leader, Giovanni Soldini, with 700 miles to go on the second leg of the Around Alone Race from Cape Town to Auckland. Marc Thierclain and Isabelle Autissier also reduced the gap, but fifth-placed Josh Hall is 1,000 miles behind Soldini. In the Class II race, second-placed Mike Garside is attempting to round the southern tip of Tasmania with Jean-Pierre Moline clear ahead of him.

### SKIING

MEN'S ALPINE WORLD CUP (Bormio, It): Downhill: Leading qualifying practice times: 1 H Maier (Aut) 1:56.1; 2 C Göttsche (Aut) 1:56.5; 3 S Eder (Aut) 1:56.9; 4 S Eder (Aut) 1:56.9; 5 D Cuche (Swi) 1:56.9.

### SATURDAY'S LEADER

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## SATURDAY'S LOTTERY UPDATE.

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Total Sales: £52,570,901. Prize Fund: £23,656,905 (45% of ticket sales).

CATEGORY	NO. OF WINNERS	AMOUNT FOR EACH WINNER	TOTAL EACH TIER
Match 6 (Jackpot)	1	£7,724,025	£7,724,025
Match 5 plus bonus ball	11	£216,066	£2,376,616
Match 5	844	£1,768	£1,485,206
Match 4	46,882	£69	£3,234,858
Match 3	880,301	£10	£8,803,010
TOTALS	928,036		£23,623,725

Total Sales including Instant and Wednesday Draw: £58,055,019.

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# Armstrong treble traumatises Everton

TWO MINUTES from the end of Tottenham's best victory of the season, the 36,053 spectators present witnessed an unusual scene as Chris Armstrong, whose second-half hat-trick turned the game, was substituted. His route to the touchline was momentarily blocked by a team-mate bowing in the "We Are Not Worried" routine - none other than David Ginola.

BY MIKE ROWBOTTOM

Tottenham Hotspur 4  
Everton 1

despair with fellow team members, Armstrong had given a convincing demonstration of goalscoring instinct in the space of 20 minutes to decide a contest which appeared to be heading for a stalemate.

After 62 minutes he followed in a chipped pass from Darren Anderton and rounded Everton's keeper, Thomas Myhre,

before shooting Tottenham into a 2-1 lead from an acute angle.

Having got his eye in at last, after a number of hesitant efforts in the first half, Armstrong was clearly on a roll. And when Tottenham's promising central defender Luke Young drilled the ball through the heart of the Everton defence to send Armstrong in on goal with his striking partner Les Ferdinand, goal number three was clearly imminent. A neat back-heel by Ferdinand then sent Armstrong clear of the last de-

fender and free to drive home a powerful shot.

Armstrong completed the first Tottenham treble since Jürgen Klinsmann rounded off last season with four goals against Wimbledon when he was sent clear on the right by Anderton's pass. Jubilation for Tottenham; desperation for an Everton side who had seemed equal to their challenge.

Walter Smith criticised a linesman and referee Graham Poll for allowing Armstrong's first goal. "It was a clear hand-

ball and that's why our goalkeeper Thomas Myhre hesitated in going for it," said the Everton manager.

None of Smith's charges seemed up to the task of containing Ginola, who sent over a sequence of sumptuous crosses from the left. However, Armstrong was unable to use the service to best advantage, most notably in the 19th minute when he miscontrolled a floating offer at the far post.

But Tottenham's frustration ended within four minutes, as

an Armstrong header from another Ginola cross spun down off the back of a defender's head and Ferdinand, given sufficient time and space to run back behind the ball, jabbed it powerfully past Myhre on the turn.

Compared to their dismal home record of six goalless draws and three goals in 10 matches, Everton's away form this season has been positively bountiful. In the nine matches before this one, they managed an average of a goal a game.

The average was duly main-

tained on the half hour when Don Hutchison's cross was headed low past the Tottenham keeper by Ibrahim Bakayoko.

Goals: Ferdinand (24) 1-0; Bakayoko (51) 1-1; Armstrong (63) 2-1; Armstrong (76) 3-1.

Tottenham Hotspur (4-4-2): Walker; Carr, Young, Campbell, Shotton; Fox, Anderton, Nielsen (Cunha) 4-4; Ginola; Armstrong (Hansen, 88); Ferdinand, Substitutes not used: Baartzen (84), Calderwood, Edinburg.

Everton (3-5-2): Myhre; Unsworth, Ellis, Short (Caldwell, 8); Bell, Collins (Cox, 76), Zaccari, Hutchinson, Dunne; Barry, Bakayoko (Cadamartori, 77). Substitutes not used: S. Morrison (84), Grant.

Referee: G. Poll (Preston/Dorset); Bookings: Tottenham: Ferdinand, Everton: Cadamartori, Hutchinson.

Man of the match: Armstrong.

Attendance: 36,053.

## Bottom two show appetite for fight

BY NICK HARRIS

Nottingham Forest 1  
Southampton 1

THE PREMIERSHIP'S bottom two sides brought a new meaning to the term "relegation dogfight" yesterday by sharing the points after 90 minutes of the scrappiest play seen anywhere this season.

At one stage in the second half - after Southampton's Hassan Kachoul had given his side the lead with a header and then Steve Chettle had levelled with a penalty - the match literally descended into a fight.

Southampton's French defender, Patrick Colletier, went to retrieve a dead ball from the Forest dug-out, but instead of returning with it he received a shove from a player sitting on the home bench.

Seeing his team-mate in trouble, Kachoul waded into the fray. Most of the Forest bench and several players from each side piled in, arms flying. It took about two minutes for the referee, Mike Reed - who did not book anyone over the incident - to break up the mêlée, and play was able to resume.

As an example of the kind of action witnessed yesterday, it was appropriate. For all the football that took place it might well have been better to put all the players in the centre circle and let them have it out with a bare knuckle dust-up.

"It was a full-blooded, hard fought match," Dave Jones, the Southampton manager, said afterwards. "There were no punches thrown, just some shoving and pushing," he added of the touchline fracas.

"The most important thing today for us was not to lose the game," he added. "Both teams were fully committed. They wanted to win."

Dave Bassett, Jones' counterpart, summarised the game in a similar fashion, praising both sets of players for their spirit and saying the confrontation around the dug-out was "just some handbags and some verbal".

Despite a protest outside, calling for his own head and for those of the Forest board, he said: "It's frustrating where we are. But we've got to get on with what we've got."

The first real chance of the game came after 10 minutes when Egil Ostenstad controlled the ball in the box, managing to spin around and attempt a shot from five yards. Unfortunately for him, he hit it straight into the chest of the former Saints goalkeeper, Dave Beasant.

Fifteen minutes later, the man who replaced him at The Dell, Paul Jones, nearly gifted the home side a lead. A Dougie Freedman shot was skied by Ken Monkou, and Jones, under no pressure and with several seconds to steady himself for the falling ball, let it slip through his arms. Somehow the defenders scrambled it away as Freedman pounced.

Goalmouth scrambles and sloppy missed chances occurred at both ends in both halves but there was no breakthrough until Kachoul got on the end of a corner three minutes into the second half to put the visitors ahead.

Five minutes later, after Forest were given a penalty for a Jones challenge on Freedman as he ran for goal, Chettle equalised with a penalty. The match, like both sides' chances of Premiership survival, then slid rapidly downhill.

Goals: Kachoul (48) 0-1; Chettle (pen 53) 1-1.

Nottingham Forest (4-4-2): Beasant; Hodge, Coleman, Gerrard, Rogers; Stone, Bonalair, Johnson, Carr-Williams; Freedman (Hartwood, 75); Shipperley. Substitutes not used: Louis-Jean, Armstrong, Gray, Crossley (84).

Southampton (4-4-2): Jones; Colletier, Lundevorn, Monkou, Hiley; Kachoul, Palmer, Galloway, Dodd; Oostenstad, Beattie. Substitutes not used: Bridge, Monk, Oyler, Basham, Sørensen (84).

Referee: M. Reed (Birmingham); Bookings: Nottingham: Palmer, Stone, Freedman; Southampton: Palmer, Kachoul.

Man of the match: Stone.

Attendance: 23,456.

## Arsenal rise but Vieira falls again

ARSENAL ENDED 1998 much as they spent it, winning matches and losing players. Going off yesterday were Dennis Bergkamp and Nigel Winterburn with injuries and Patrick Vieira with a red card for violent conduct. After this trio of departures, the champions took a lead and held it. Plus ça change.

BY GLENN MOORE

Charlton Athletic 0  
Arsenal 1

senal's striking options look very thin. Charlton's, however, are even slimmer, and for them 1999 promises nothing but misery. The dramatic accession to the Premiership last May, and the vibrant start in August, are fond but distant memories. After seven successful defeats a return to the First Division appears imminent.

If they go down it will be for a chronic lack of goals with yesterday's match a microcosm of the season. As usual they were without luck. Redfearn hitting the bar in the sixth minute, but they also failed to create much or convert anything. The last 40 minutes were spent almost entirely in Arsenal's half, but the only time Alex Manninger made a save of note the ball was already going wide.

Alan Curbishley has a modest amount to spend, about £2.5m, but is struggling to find a striker who fits both the playing and wages bill. With Clive Mendonca and Andy Hunt out with flu - not that either have much troubled defences - yesterday's attack was led by Steve Jones, a game but limited trier.

"The ball was bobbling around in the six-yard box on a couple of occasions and perhaps other teams would have hooked them in. We didn't and perhaps that's why we are where we are," said Curbishley. He added: "We played quite well

and deserved something, but I won't hark on about that again, we just hope for the bit of luck everyone needs."

Dame Fortune was yesterday wearing black, with Rennie giving Arsenal one penalty and denying Charlton another. From a distance it looked as if he got both decisions right. Charlton's claim came after five minutes when Martin Keown brought down Jones. Seven minutes into the second period, a minute after Vieira's dismissal, Mark Kinsella upended Ray Parlour with a similar tackle. This time the penalty was given and Marc Overmars scored.

Apart from a shot against the bar after 21 seconds by Luis Boa Morte, two decent saves by Sasa Ilic from Bergkamp and the odd scramble in the Arsenal box that was it. Arsenal are better at defending a lead than anybody and, with Martin Keown outstanding, they always looked like doing so.

"We needed great solidarity and good organisation," said Wenger. "The players deserve a lot of credit, it was a huge performance physically and mentally."

Wenger added that he was "concerned" about Vieira's response to his dismissal. "It could take away his confidence. I hope he does not lose his aggression, it is part of his game. He is a young player, he has improved his discipline a lot and I am not sure he deserved to be sent off. He was destroyed psychologically."

As well as his dismissals,



Arsenal's Christopher Wreh takes the ball away from Chris Powell, of Charlton, yesterday

David Ashdown

Vieira has received 28 bookings in his two-and-a-half seasons with Arsenal and may now receive a four-match ban.

For all Wenger's protestations of innocence, the disci-

plinary problems of Vieira and his team-mates cannot be just down to referees. So far Arsenal have overcome the suspensions, but they may eventually cost them a trophy.

Goals: Overmars (pen 53) 0-1.

Charlton Athletic (4-4-1-1): Ilic; Mills, R. Jones, Youds, Powell; Newton, K. Jones (Liddle, 67), Kinsella, Robinson; Neilson (Parker, 83); S. Jones. Substitutes not used: Brown, Theobald, Royce (84).

Arsenal (4-4-2): Manninger; Dixon, Keown, Soud, Winterburn (Vias, 29); Parlour, Vieira, Peet, Overmars; Bergkamp (Ward, 42), Boa

Morte (Grindrod, 61). Substitutes not used: Liddle (84), Garde.

Referee: U. Rennie (Sheffield).

Send-off: Arsenal: Vieira. Bookings: Charlton: Robinson, K. Jones, Youds, Redfearn, Kinsella. Arsenal: Keown, Bergkamp.

Man of the match: Keown.

Attendance: 20,043.

## Wanchope off in flare-up

DERBY, with one striker sent off and another possibly getting his send-off, grabbed an unlikely late winner at the end of the most eventful of matches at Pride Park. A record crowd for the new stadium saw Jonathan Hunt come on as a substitute after 83 minutes and, two minutes later and with his first real touch, he steered the ball past Mark Schwarzer for a victory Derby deserved for their excellent football in the first half and their grim determination in the second.

BY DAVE HADFIELD

Derby County 2  
Middlesbrough 1

flare-up, looked at least equally guilty and could consider himself fortunate only to be booked.

For the 43 minutes that Wanchope was on the field, he and Dean Sturridge, playing what could be his last match for the club amid mounting transfer speculation, rediscovered the flair and mutual understanding that made their partnership such a menace last season.

They had already driven Middlesbrough close to distraction by the time that they fashioned the opening goal. Paul Gascoigne, who had set up the first chance of the match missed by Hamilton Ricard but almost turned into his own net

by Spencer Prior, was at fault this time. He duffed on the ball too long in midfield and, harried by Wanchope, underhit his pass to Townsend, allowing County to grab possession and break away. Wanchope's pass for the supporting Sturridge was weighted perfectly and the shot over the advancing Schwarzer was equally good.

Gascoigne, eager to make amends, twice shimmed his way through the Derby defence for shots on goal in the next few minutes but was then substituted, along with Phil Stamp, four minutes before the break.

Of the two, it was Stamp who looked the more surprised and disgruntled, although apart from his one blamish Gascoigne had been by far Derby's most creative player. They certainly looked in need of him in

the second half as they struggled to break down a depleted home side, although they eventually succeeded in doing so through one of their replacements, Mikkel Beck, in the 76th minute. Dean Gordon got free on the left and his precise cross found Beck, for once, completely unmarked.

It then seemed only a matter of time before Derby cracked again, but they had never stopped looking capable of hitting Middlesbrough on the break. They did just that with six minutes remaining. Sturridge, given a distinctly cool reception by the Derby fans at the start but now fully restored to hero status, got in the cross from the right. Darryl Powell nodded it down and there was Hunt to seal victory.

Goals: Sturridge (29) 1-0; Beck (77) 1-1; Hunt (85) 2-1.



Wanchope: Angry reaction

Derby County (3-5-2): Poom; Prior, Carbone, Elliot; Lauren, Boninen (Hunt, 63); Cordis, Eranio (Kobayashi, 71); Powell; Sturridge (Hargreaves, 88); Wanchope. Substitutes not used: Hault (84), Christie.

Middlesbrough (3-5-2): Schwarzer; Cooper, Vickers, Foster; Scowden (Maddison, 75); Stamp (Beck, 41); Gascoigne (Fleming, 41); Townsend, Gordon, Deane, Ricard. Substitutes not used: Moore, Beardsford (84).

Referee: P. Harris (Oxford).

Send-off: Derby: Wanchope. Bookings: Middlesbrough: Townsend, Ricard, Stamp, Sturridge.

Man of the match: Sturridge.

Attendance: 32,726.

## Dons can boost Hegarty's claim

ABERDEEN LOOK to strengthen the claims of their stand-in manager, Paul Hegarty, for the job on a permanent basis with victory over Motherwell tonight.

The Dons have been transformed since the former Dundee United defender took charge following Alex Miller's departure and have reeled off three straight wins to climb away from the Scottish Premier League basement.

A fourth successive three-point haul at Pittodrie would be the first time any Aberdeen side had managed the feat for more than six years. Such a result would also see the Dons leapfrog Motherwell into fifth place.

The Aberdeen chairman, Stewart Milne, yesterday repeated his assertion that the Pittodrie board would continue to weigh up their options, and that there had been "no shortage of applications" for the post. But, with the support of the dressing-room behind him, Hegarty is emerging as a front-line contender to be handed the reins at least until the end of the season.

"The directors have told me that they are happy, but like everyone else I am waiting to see how the situation evolves," he said. "The players have been magnificent for me and I would like to thank them regardless of what might happen from here."

"They knew they had to raise the standard of their own game and they have really applied themselves so far. They have dug deep and shown a determination and resilience that was probably not there in the past."

Hegarty will have defender Gary Smith available after sus-

pension and will also have to decide whether to retain Derek Stille in goal when veteran Jim Leighton recovers from the flu that kept him out of Saturday's 2-1 win at Dunfermline.

Stille, a former Scotland Under-21 keeper, has played fewer than 20 games in eight seasons at the club and is ready to seek pastures new with his contract up in June. "I face a difficult decision in the new year and it will be decided by football matters, not financial," he said. "I am 25 now and I have to start playing first-team football on a regular basis. If it is clear that isn't going to happen I may have little option but to move on."

Motherwell, meanwhile, despite a radical improvement under Billy Davies, are still searching for a first away victory this season - a problem also facing Dunfermline in the other Premier League game tonight.

The Pars are in danger of becoming marooned at the bottom and desperately need to pick up points from their visit to St Johnstone and Saturday's home game with Hearts before the three-week winter shutdown. But they will face a Saints side whose progress this term can be measured by the response of their manager, Sandy Clark, to defeat at Ibrox on Saturday.

"It was frustrating and disappointing not to get anything from the Rangers game and I regarded it as three points dropped after the way things went," he said. "We didn't get any breaks, but I still feel we should have done more to earn them. We have to be confident enough to press home our advantage when we are on top."

## Wright and Hartson resume service

THE SENSE in Harry Redknapp's contention that it probably would not take much more than a couple of favourable bounces to get his strike force going again was borne out by the manner of Ian Wright's first goal since the last day of October.

BY KEN JONES

West Ham United 2  
Coventry City 0

of course, shared by West Ham's manager, who had further cause for satisfaction when Hartson snapped up Wright's cross to secure victory in the 67th minute with his first goal for more than a month.

"When strikers aren't scoring they are bound to lose confidence," Redknapp said. "That can spread throughout the team, so it's good to see Ian and John back in business."

The remarkable thing, proof of West Ham's burgeoning stability, is that they are more or less established in the top

seven places of the Premiership despite the difficulties Hartson and Wright have experienced.

Conspicuous by their ineffectiveness against Arsenal on Boxing Day when there was the spur of doing well against their old club, they looked a lot more like themselves again.

Despite being opened up rather too easily along their left flank for anyone with affiliation, Coventry managed to work hard enough at disputing possession in midfield to force West Ham wider than normally suits them. Nevertheless, Wright especially went about his work with such renewed vigour that Frank Lampard should have done better with a pass that set up a wasted opportunity.

Coventry were put out when Stephen Froggatt's surge from the left was brought to an abrupt end in the penalty area without any response from the referee. Paul Durkin, who had the unusual experience of completing the match without producing one yellow card.

Coventry caused West Ham one or two anxious moments, particularly when a swinging cross from Roland Nilsson was only just reached by Ian Pearce with Noel Whelan threatening. Another Coventry attack forced Shaika Hislop to punch clear but West Ham's response was immediate, Steve Lomas breaking way to find Wright, who came close to scoring after lifting the ball over Ogrizovic.

The liveliness Coventry showed at the start of the second half may well have been an response to some unseasonal utterances in their dressing-room. Before Hartson, more or less, put the game beyond Coventry's reach Whelan should have equalised when left free at a corner kick. But by then Coventry had lost too much of their earlier conviction.

Goals: Wright (17) 1-0; Hartson (68) 2-0.

West Ham United (3-5-2): Hopley; Pearce, Ferdinand, Dicks; Sinclair, Lomas; Berhovic (Poole, 80); Lampard, Lazaridis; Hartson; Wright (Owen, 83). Substitutes not used: Breacher, Hodges, Forrest (84).

Coventry City (4-4-2): Ogrizovic; Nilsson, Shaw, Green, Edworthy (Helfet, 70); Boling, Soler, McAlister, Froggatt; Abdul (Ruckerby, 57); Whelan. Substitutes not used: Williams, Spillion, Hedman (84).

Referee: P. Durkin (Derby).

Man of the match: Wright.

Attendance: 25,662.

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# Goater's muscle lifts City

THE MOON is blue and they are singing of promotion, of a glorious new year down at Maine Road. Manchester City's slide seemed to have gathered an unstoppable momentum through these past months and seasons, but a 30,000 crowd dared to acclaim a change of fortune yesterday.

Their side recovered from familiar lapses, frustrations and a goal deficit to overwhelm Stoke City in the second half and deservedly take the points from a rousing encounter.

Long abused, tormented and even humiliated, Joe Royle's club have lifted themselves in the contest for a return to the First Division, the passion and commitment of those on and off the pitch compensating for obvious flaws in the playing ranks.

Royle had the courage to throw on an extra striker, Shaun Goater, after the interval and the extra muscle pummelled Stoke into submission.

Stoke had gone ahead through Larus Sigurdsson, and with Graham Kavanagh and Kevin Keen controlling proceedings in midfield they appeared to have checked their recent tumble from the summit. But Michael Brown was to play a still more significant role, while the sheer weight of the home side's

BY DERICK ALLSOP

Manchester City	2
Stoke City	1

attacks forced down Stoke's barricades.

The irrepressible Paul Dickov equalised early in the second half and six minutes from the end Gareth Taylor headed the winner.

Stoke had responded to City's early vigour with like, making more cunning use of the flanks and providing able support to the front man. The arrival of reinforcements ought to have brought them the lead after eight minutes, when Phil Robinson, unchallenged right of the goal, volleyed meekly at goalkeeper Nicky Weaver.

Three minutes later the ball was in Stoke's net only for a linesman's flag to frustrate Royle's players. Dickov's clever turn and cross created the danger and Taylor led the aerial assault to turn the ball past Carl Muggleton.

Dickov instigated City's next threat, his dummy clearing the way for Brown to dart towards the goal-line. His pull-back was cleared by Robinson, atoning for his miss.

That scare shook Stoke out of a period of lethargy and the probing of Kavanagh and Keen



Stoke City's Peter Thorne holds off Manchester City's Tony Vaughan at Maine Road yesterday

set up their goal after 31 minutes. Kavanagh was twice involved in the build-up and Keen delivered the chip for Sigurdsson to head beyond Weaver's right hand.

City found an unlikely source of desperately needed inspiration in Richard Edgill, who defied the derision of the gallery to play a splendid pass into the path of Dickov. The striker was uncharacteristically hesitant and his route to goal was blocked by Robinson.

Royle endeavoured to sharpen his side for the second half, introducing Goater in place of the ineffectual Ian Bishop. The gamble yielded an instant dividend. The physical presence of Goater and Taylor made the most of indecision in Stoke's defence and enabled Dickov to dispatch a simple 48th-minute equaliser with Muggleton stranded.

City were reborn, the faith of their followers restored. Maine Road reverberated to the frenzy

# Sunderland scrape past Gradi test

NORMAL SERVICE was only partially resumed at the jam-packed Stadium of Light yesterday. With a crowd of 41,433 in attendance, a record for the Wearside ground, Sunderland got back on to the winning track and Crewe continued to suffer from points failure.

Beaten at Tranmere on Boxing Day, Sunderland pulled eight points clear of Ipswich at the top of the First Division table thanks to goals in either half by Danny Dichio and Michael Bridges. In doing so they took their haul of League points in 1998 to 103, one more than Swindon's record for a season, but it was a far from momentous performance by the would-be graduates to the Premiership.

Wingless for the fifth match in succession, with Allan Johnston and Nicky Summerbee still on the injured list, Sunderland were static and statuesque throughout a contest controlled, for the most part, by an assured Crewe team who belied their bottom-of-the-table status. Seth Johnson dictated in midfield and Rodney Jack posed persistent problems up front with his pace. Ultimately, though, it was another pointless afternoon for Darlo Gradi's side.

They fell behind against the run of play on the quarter-hour. Alex Rae prompted an intricate passing move which culminated in Dichio back-healing to Niall Quinn on the edge of the Crewe penalty area, then

BY SIMON TURNBULL

Sunderland	2
Crewe Alexandra	0

collecting the return pass and firing a low right-foot shot past the diving Jason Kearton.

To Crewe's credit, they made their hosts sweat, passing and probing with a precision far beyond their lowly station. Jack squandered two clear chances and only the alertness of Thomas Sorensen denied the industrious Mark Rivers what would have been a deserved equaliser before the break. The home goal was fortunate survive intact after the break, too, the woodwork sparing Martin Scott the embarrassment of a headed own goal and Sorensen diving full length to keep out a rasping Jack drive.

It took the introduction of Bridges to settle Sunderland's nerves, the young striker holding off two markers to drive home the second goal with 12 minutes left. "He's a good player," Gradi mused afterwards. "I asked Peter Reid if I could buy him last month. I won't tell you what his reply was."

Sunderland (15-2): Sorensen (78) 2-0; Dichio (15) 1-0; Bridges (78) 2-0. Sunderland (4-4-2): Sorensen, Akman, Butler, Melville, Scott, Rae (Williams, 1-1), Clark, Ball, Gray (McConn, 1-1); Dichio, Quinn (Bridges, 60). Crewe Alexandra (4-4-2): Kearton, Biggin, Unsworth, Foran, Smith, Wright (Lynch, 55), Johnson, Sorensen, Hunt, 83), Rivers, Jack, Little (Street, 83). Referee: A Wiley (Barnwood). Bookings: Sunderland Ball, Akman. Man of the match: Johnson. Attendance: 41,433.

## FA CARLING PREMIERSHIP

		Home					Away					5-game form				
		Pl	Pts	GD	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Most recent on right	Upcoming matches
1	Aston Villa	20	39	+11	7	2	1	19	12	4	4	2	12	8	LWWLW	16 Jan Middlesbrough (A); 19 Jan Everton (H); 30 Jan Newcastle (A); 6 Feb Blackburn (H)
2	Chelsea	19	36	+14	6	3	0	15	5	3	6	1	16	12	WDDWW	Today Man Utd (H); 3 Jan Newcastle (A); 16 Jan Coventry (H); 19 Jan Arsenal (A)
3	Arsenal	20	35	+11	6	4	0	15	4	3	4	3	7	7	DLWWF	16 Jan Liverpool (H); 31 Jan Chelsea (H); 6 Feb West Ham (A); 13 Feb Man Utd (A)
4	Man Utd	19	34	+16	7	3	1	27	12	2	4	2	12	11	DDDLW	Today Chelsea (A); 18 Jan West Ham (H); 16 Jan Leicester (A); 30 Jan Charlton (H)
5	Leeds	19	32	+15	5	2	1	16	3	2	6	2	16	14	LWWLW	Today Wimbledon (H); 19 Jan Blackburn (A); 16 Jan Middlesbrough (A); 30 Jan Southampton (H)
6	West Ham	20	32	+1	6	3	1	16	10	3	2	5	8	13	LLWLW	10 Jan Man Utd (A); 5 Feb Blackburn (H); 30 Jan Wimbledon (A); 16 Feb Arsenal (H)
7	Liverpool	20	31	+1	5	3	2	21	12	4	1	5	15	13	LLWWF	16 Jan Arsenal (H); 16 Jan Southampton (H); 30 Jan Coventry (A); 6 Feb Blackburn (H)
8	Middlesbrough	20	30	+6	4	5	1	16	10	3	4	3	16	16	DWWLL	19 Jan Aston Villa (H); 16 Jan Leeds (A); 30 Jan Leicester (H); 6 Feb Liverpool (A)
9	Wimbledon	19	29	+5	6	3	1	16	10	2	2	5	9	20	WLWWF	Today Leeds (A); 9 Jan Derby (H); 15 Jan Tottenham (A); 30 Jan West Ham (H)
10	Derby	20	28	+2	3	5	2	10	9	3	5	2	10	9	DDDDW	16 Jan Wimbledon (A); 16 Jan Blackburn (H); 30 Jan Sheff Wed (A); 3 Feb Everton (H)
11	Leicester	19	27	+2	5	2	2	14	9	2	4	4	8	11	DWWLW	19 Jan Everton (A); 16 Jan Man Utd (H); 30 Jan Middlesbrough (A); 6 Feb Sheff Wed (H)
12	Tottenham	20	27	-2	5	3	2	19	16	2	3	5	9	14	WDLWW	19 Jan Sheff Wed (A); 16 Jan Wimbledon (H); 6 Feb Coventry (A); 13 Feb Southampton (H)
13	Newcastle	20	24	-4	5	2	3	14	13	1	4	5	10	15	DDWLL	19 Jan Chelsea (H); 17 Jan Charlton (A); 30 Jan Aston Villa (H); 6 Feb Leeds (A)
14	Everton	20	23	-8	2	6	2	3	5	3	2	5	10	16	DWLDL	19 Jan Leicester (H); 18 Jan Aston Villa (A); 30 Jan Nottm Forest (H); 7 Feb Derby (A)
15	Sheff Wed	20	22	-1	5	2	3	13	6	1	2	7	8	16	WWLLL	19 Jan Tottenham (H); 16 Jan West Ham (A); 30 Jan Man Utd (H); 6 Feb Arsenal (A)
16	Blackburn	19	17	-8	4	2	4	12	11	0	3	6	7	16	LWDDW	19 Jan Leeds (H); 16 Jan Derby (A); 30 Jan Tottenham (H); 6 Feb Aston Villa (A)
17	Coventry	20	17	-13	3	4	3	11	12	1	1	8	5	17	LLDDL	19 Jan Nottm Forest (H); 16 Jan Chelsea (A); 30 Jan Liverpool (H); 6 Feb Tottenham (A)
18	Charlton	20	16	-8	2	3	4	13	10	1	4	6	10	21	LLLLL	19 Jan Southampton (H); 17 Jan Newcastle (H); 30 Jan Man Utd (H); 6 Feb Wimbledon (H)
19	Southampton	20	14	-22	2	2	6	12	20	1	3	6	4	18	LLWLD	19 Jan Charlton (H); 16 Jan Liverpool (A); 30 Jan Leeds (H); 6 Feb Chelsea (A)
20	Nottm Forest	20	13	-18	1	6	3	9	12	1	1	8	9	24	LLDLD	19 Jan Coventry (A); 16 Jan Arsenal (H); 30 Jan Everton (A); 6 Feb Man Utd (H)

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## Muscat's timing is to Lee's liking

BY ADAM SZRETER

A GAME that took an age to come to life in the freezing cold at Molineux finally bore fruit in the last 15 minutes. The introduction of the veteran Spanish international Fernando Gomez added guile to Wolves' gallantry and Colin Lee was rewarded with his first win since taking over on a permanent basis thanks to an 88th-minute goal by Kevin Muscat.

Picking up the ball from Gomez midway inside the visitors' half, the Australian full-back strode forward into the space as it opened up for him before hitting a swirling shot from 25 yards that bamboozled Richard Wright in the Ipswich goal and flew in off the underside of the bar.

It was perhaps a little more than Wolves deserved, if not their patient supporters. Deprived of their first-choice strikers, Robbie Keane and David Connolly, through flu and tendinitis respectively, Lee was obliged to pair the willing Neil Embley with a weary-looking Guy Whittingham.

Neither player made much headway against the meanest defence in the First Division and if the game was diminished as a spectacle by Wolves' absenteeism there was a further blow to the neutral when Ipswich's highly rated under-21

international midfielder, Keiron Dyer, pulled a hamstring in the first five minutes.

Dyer struggled on for 20 minutes before finally making way for Marco Holster and the game promptly died a death until Muscat offered a hint of things to come with a shot that went just over the crossbar after an hour. His fellow full-back, Mark Atkins, might have done better than to poke the ball wide a few minutes later. Then Gomez came on and the action began.

Robert Niestroj, playing his first full game for Wolves since signing from Borussia Dortmund, had a far-post effort blocked on the line before Gomez hit the bar with a rasping shot from the ensuing cor-

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1	Sunderland	26	55	55	10	2	1	31	6	6	6	1	24	10	WWDLW	9 Jan QPR (A); 17 Jan Ipswich (H); 30 Jan Sunderland (A); 6 Feb Swindon (H).									
2	Ipswich	26	48	36	8	1	4	18	7	6	5	2	18	9	WLHWW	9 Jan Grimsby (H); 17 Jan Sunderland (A); 30 Jan Port Vale (H); 6 Feb Bury (A).									
3	Birmingham	26	45	42	6	5	2	18	10	7	1	5	24	16	LWDWW	9 Jan Port Vale (H); 16 Jan Barnsley (A); 31 Jan Bradford (A); 6 Feb Crystal Palace (A).									
4	Bradford City	25	44	44	8	2	2	28	12	5	3	5	16	15	WWWLW	9 Jan Stockport (A); 16 Jan Crewe (H); 31 Jan Birmingham (A); 6 Feb Watford (H).									
5	Bolton	25	43	46	7	4	2	26	14	4	6	2	20	18	DDWDW	16 Jan Crystal Palace (H); 16 Jan Sheffield Utd (A); 30 Jan Norwich (H); 6 Feb Grimsby (A).									
6	Watford	25	43	43	7	5	1	20	12	5	2	5	23	23	DDWLW	Tuesday Norwich (H); 9 Jan Huddersfield (H); 16 Jan Wolves (A); 30 Jan Sunderland (H).									
7	Huddersfield	26	41	38	9	3	1	25	12	3	2	8	13	30	WLWWL	9 Jan Bury (H); 16 Jan Portsmouth (A); 30 Jan Bristol City (H); 6 Feb Port Vale (A).									
8	Grimsby	26	41	31	8	4	1	21	9	4	1	8	10	20	WWWLW	9 Jan Ipswich (A); 16 Jan Oxford Utd (H); 30 Jan West Brom (H); 6 Feb Bolton (H).									
9	Norwich	24	40	39	6	4	1	22	13	5	3	5	17	19	WDDWL	Tuesday Watford (H); 9 Jan Crewe (H); 16 Jan West Brom (H); 30 Jan Norwich (A).									
10	West Brom	26	38	47	8	0	5	28	20	3	5	5	19	23	DWLWD	9 Jan Barnsley (H); 16 Jan Norwich (A); 30 Jan Grimsby (H); 6 Feb Sheffield Utd (A).									
11	Sheffield Utd	26	37	39	7	3	3	22	20	3	4	6	17	22	LDLLW	9 Jan Swindon (H); 16 Jan Bolton (A); 30 Jan Crewe (A); 6 Feb West Brom (H).									
12	Wolves	26	37	35	7	5	1	20	11	3	2	8	15	16	DDLLW	9 Jan Yeoman (A); 16 Jan Watford (H); 30 Jan Stockport (A); 6 Feb Oxford Utd (H).									
13	Barnsley	26	36	37	5	4	4	23	17	4	5	4	14	16	DWLWW	9 Jan West Brom (A); 16 Jan Birmingham (H); 30 Jan Oxford Utd (A); 6 Feb Crewe (H).									
14	Crystal Palace	25	34	37	7	5	1	28	15	2	2	8	9	26	DLWDW	16 Jan Bolton (A); 16 Jan Stockport (H); 30 Jan Yeoman (A); 6 Feb Birmingham (H).									
15	Swindon	26	30	36	6	4	3	25	20	2	2	9	11	23	DLWWL	9 Jan Sheffield Utd (H); 16 Jan Port Vale (H); 30 Jan Wolves (H); 6 Feb Sunderland (A).									
16	Tranmere	26	30	32	3	5	5	15	17	3	7	3	17	20	DDWWL	9 Jan Wolves (H); 16 Jan Bristol City (A); 30 Jan Crystal Palace (H); 6 Feb Portsmouth (A).									
17	Stockport	26	29	30	4	5	4	16	13	2	6	5	14	20	LLWLL	9 Jan Bradford (H); 16 Jan Crystal Palace (A); 30 Jan Wolves (H); 6 Feb Norwich (A).									
18	QPR	26	29	28	5	4	4	15	11	3	1	9	13	24	WLDWL	9 Jan Sunderland (H); 16 Jan Bury (A); 30 Jan Portsmouth (H); 6 Feb Bristol City (A).									
19	Bury	26	28	23	7	3	3	18	13	0	4	9	5	22	WDLLL	9 Jan Huddersfield (A); 16 Jan QPR (H); 30 Jan Swindon (A); 6 Feb Ipswich (H).									
20	Portsmouth	26	25	34	5	3	5	20	16	1	4	8	14	28	WLILL	9 Jan Watford (A); 16 Jan Huddersfield (H); 30 Jan QPR (A); 6 Feb Tranmere (H).									
21	Port Vale	26	25	29	5	1	7	12	22	2	3	8	17	28	LLWLL	9 Jan Birmingham (A); 16 Jan Swindon (H); 30 Jan Ipswich (H); 6 Feb Huddersfield (H).									
22	Sheff Wed	26	24	29	4	3	6	19	23	2	3	8	10	27	LLILL	9 Jan Bristol City (H); 16 Jan Grimsby (A); 30 Jan Barnsley (H); 6 Feb Wolves (A).									
23	Bristol City	26	23	37	4	5	4	23	26	1	3	9	14	28	WDLWW	9 Jan Oxford Utd (A); 16 Jan Tranmere (H); 30 Jan Huddersfield (A); 6 Feb QPR (H).									
24	Crewe	26	18	27	3	3	7	16	26	1	3	9	11	26	DWLWL	9 Jan Norwich (H); 16 Jan Bradford (A); 30 Jan Sheffield Utd (H); 6 Feb Barnsley (A).									

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1	Sunderland	26	55	55	10	2	1	31	6	6	1	24	10	WWDLW	16 Jan QPR (H); 19 Jan Grimsby (H); 20 Jan Port Vale (H); 21 Jan Barnsley (A); 22 Jan Bradford City (A); 23 Jan Bolton (H)	
2	Ipswich	26	48	36	8	1	4	18	7	6	5	2	18	9	WLWWL	16 Jan QPR (H); 19 Jan Grimsby (H); 20 Jan Port Vale (H); 21 Jan Barnsley (A); 22 Jan Bradford City (A); 23 Jan Bolton (H)
3	Birmingham	26	45	42	6	5	2	18	10	1	1	5	24	16	LWDWW	16 Jan QPR (H); 19 Jan Grimsby (H); 20 Jan Port Vale (H); 21 Jan Barnsley (A); 22 Jan Bradford City (A); 23 Jan Bolton (H)
4	Bradford City	25	44	44	8	2	2	28	12	5	3	5	16	15	WWWLW	16 Jan QPR (H); 19 Jan Grimsby (H); 20 Jan Port Vale (H); 21 Jan Barnsley (A); 22 Jan Bradford City (A); 23 Jan Bolton (H)
5	Bolton	25	43	46	7	4	2	26	14	4	6	2	20	18	DDWDW	16 Jan QPR (H); 19 Jan Grimsby (H); 20 Jan Port Vale (H); 21 Jan Barnsley (A); 22 Jan Bradford City (A); 23 Jan Bolton (H)
6	Watford	25	43	43	7	5	1	20	12	5	2	5	23	23	DDWLW	16 Jan QPR (H); 19 Jan Grimsby (H); 20 Jan Port Vale (H); 21 Jan Barnsley (A); 22 Jan Bradford City (A); 23 Jan Bolton (H)
7	Huddersfield	26	41	38	9	3	1	25	12	3	2	8	13	30	WLWWL	16 Jan QPR (H); 19 Jan Grimsby (H); 20 Jan Port Vale (H); 21 Jan Barnsley (A); 22 Jan Bradford City (A); 23 Jan Bolton (H)
8	Grimsby	26	41	31	8	4	1	21	9	4	1	8	10	20	WWWLW	16 Jan QPR (H); 19 Jan Grimsby (H); 20 Jan Port Vale (H); 21 Jan Barnsley (A); 22 Jan Bradford City (A); 23 Jan Bolton (H)
9	Sheff Wed	26	39	33	7	4	1	20	10	4	2	7	12	20	WWWLW	16 Jan QPR (H); 19 Jan Grimsby (H); 20 Jan Port Vale (H); 21 Jan Barnsley (A); 22 Jan Bradford City (A); 23 Jan Bolton (H)
10	Sheff Utd	26	38	33	7	4	1	20	10	4	2	7	12	20	WWWLW	16 Jan QPR (H); 19 Jan Grimsby (H); 20 Jan Port Vale (H); 21 Jan Barnsley (A); 22 Jan Bradford City (A); 23 Jan Bolton (H)
11	Sheff Friars	26	37	33	7	4	1	20	10	4	2	7	12	20	WWWLW	16 Jan QPR (H); 19 Jan Grimsby (H); 20 Jan Port Vale (H); 21 Jan Barnsley (A); 22 Jan Bradford City (A); 23 Jan Bolton (H)
12	Sheff Thos	26	37	33	7	4	1	20	10	4	2	7	12	20	WWWLW	16 Jan QPR (H); 19 Jan Grimsby (H); 20 Jan Port Vale (H); 21 Jan Barnsley (A); 22 Jan Bradford City (A); 23 Jan Bolton (H)
13	Sheff Albion	26	37	33	7	4	1	20	10	4	2	7	12	20	WWWLW	16 Jan QPR (H); 19 Jan Grimsby (H); 20 Jan Port Vale (H); 21 Jan Barnsley (A); 22 Jan Bradford City (A); 23 Jan Bolton (H)
14	Sheff Hallam	26	37	33	7	4	1	20	10	4	2	7	12	20	WWWLW	16 Jan QPR (H); 19 Jan Grimsby (H); 20 Jan Port Vale (H); 21 Jan Barnsley (A); 22 Jan Bradford City (A); 23 Jan Bolton (H)
15	Sheff Juniors	26	37	33	7	4	1	20	10	4	2	7	12	20	WWWLW	16 Jan QPR (H); 19 Jan Grimsby (H); 20 Jan Port Vale (H); 21 Jan Barnsley (A); 22 Jan Bradford City (A); 23 Jan Bolton (H)
16	Sheff Thos	26	37	33	7	4	1	20	10	4	2	7	12	20	WWWLW	16 Jan QPR (H); 19 Jan Grimsby (H); 20 Jan Port Vale (H); 21 Jan Barnsley (A); 22 Jan Bradford City (A); 23 Jan Bolton (H)
17	Sheff Albion	26	37	33	7	4	1	20	10	4	2	7	12	20	WWWLW	16 Jan QPR (H); 19 Jan Grimsby (H); 20 Jan Port Vale (H); 21 Jan Barnsley (A); 22 Jan Bradford City (A); 23 Jan Bolton (H)
18	Sheff Hallam	26	37	33	7	4	1	20	10	4	2	7	12	20	WWWLW	16 Jan QPR (H); 19 Jan Grimsby (H); 20 Jan Port Vale (H); 21 Jan Barnsley (A); 22 Jan Bradford City (A); 23 Jan Bolton (H)
19	Sheff Juniors	26	37	33	7	4	1	20	10	4	2	7	12	20	WWWLW	16 Jan QPR (H); 19 Jan Grimsby (H); 20 Jan Port Vale (H); 21 Jan Barnsley (A); 22 Jan Bradford City (A); 23 Jan Bolton (H)
20	Sheff Thos	26	37	33	7	4	1	20	10	4	2	7	12	20	WWWLW	16 Jan QPR (H); 19 Jan Grimsby (H); 20 Jan Port Vale (H); 21 Jan Barnsley (A); 22 Jan Bradford City (A); 23 Jan Bolton (H)
21	Sheff Albion	26	37	33	7	4	1	20	10	4	2	7	12	20	WWWLW	16 Jan QPR (H); 19 Jan Grimsby (H); 20 Jan Port Vale (H); 21 Jan Barnsley (A); 22 Jan Bradford City (A); 23 Jan Bolton (H)
22	Sheff Hallam	26	37	33	7	4	1	20	10	4	2	7	12	20	WWWLW	16 Jan QPR (H); 19 Jan Grimsby (H); 20 Jan Port Vale (H); 21 Jan Barnsley (A); 22 Jan Bradford City (A); 23 Jan Bolton (H)
23	Sheff Juniors	26	37	33	7	4	1	20	10	4	2	7	12	20	WWWLW	16 Jan QPR (H); 19 Jan Grimsby (H); 20 Jan Port Vale (H); 21 Jan Barnsley (A); 22 Jan Bradford City (A); 23 Jan Bolton (H)
24	Sheff Thos	26	37	33	7	4	1	20	10	4	2	7	12	20	WWWLW	16 Jan QPR (H); 19 Jan Grimsby (H); 20 Jan Port Vale (H); 21 Jan Barnsley (A); 22 Jan Bradford City (A); 23 Jan Bolton (H)
25	Sheff Albion	26	37	33	7	4	1	20	10	4	2	7	12	20	WWWLW	16 Jan QPR (H); 19 Jan Grimsby (H); 20 Jan Port Vale (H); 21 Jan Barnsley (A); 22 Jan Bradford City (A); 23 Jan Bolton (H)
26	Sheff Hallam	26	37	33	7	4	1	20	10	4	2	7	12	20	WWWLW	16 Jan QPR (H); 19 Jan Grimsby (H); 20 Jan Port Vale (H); 21 Jan Barnsley (A); 22 Jan Bradford City (A); 23 Jan Bolton (H)
27	Sheff Juniors	26	37	33	7	4	1	20	10	4	2	7	12	20	WWWLW	16 Jan QPR (H); 19 Jan Grimsby (H); 20 Jan Port Vale (H); 21 Jan Barnsley (A); 22 Jan Bradford City (A); 23 Jan Bolton (H)
28	Sheff Thos	26	37	33	7	4	1	20	10	4	2	7	12	20	WWWLW	16 Jan QPR (H); 19 Jan Grimsby (H); 20 Jan Port Vale (H); 21 Jan Barnsley (A); 22 Jan Bradford City (A); 23 Jan Bolton (H)
29	Sheff Albion	26	37	33	7	4	1	20	10	4	2	7	12	20	WWWLW	16 Jan QPR (H); 19 Jan Grimsby (H); 20 Jan Port Vale (H); 21 Jan Barnsley (A); 22 Jan Bradford City (A); 23 Jan Bolton (H)
30	Sheff Hallam	26	37	33	7	4	1	20	10	4	2	7	12	20	WWWLW	16 Jan QPR (H); 19 Jan Grimsby (H); 20 Jan Port Vale (H); 21 Jan Barnsley (A); 22 Jan Bradford City (A); 23 Jan Bolton (H)
31	Sheff Juniors	26	37	33	7	4	1	20	10	4	2	7	12	20	WWWLW	16 Jan QPR (H); 19 Jan Grimsby (H); 20 Jan Port Vale (H); 21 Jan Barnsley (A); 22 Jan Bradford City (A); 23 Jan Bolton (H)
32	Sheff Thos	26	37	33	7	4	1	20	10	4	2	7	12	20	WWWLW	16 Jan QPR (H); 19 Jan Grimsby (H); 20 Jan Port Vale (H); 21 Jan Barnsley (A); 22 Jan Bradford City (A); 23 Jan Bolton (H)
33	Sheff Albion	26	37	33	7	4	1	20	10	4	2	7	12	20	WWWLW	16 Jan QPR (H); 19 Jan Grimsby (H); 20 Jan Port Vale (H); 21 Jan Barnsley (A); 22 Jan Bradford City (A); 23 Jan Bolton (H)
34	Sheff Hallam	26	37	33	7	4	1	20	10	4	2	7	12	20	WWWLW	16 Jan QPR (H); 19 Jan Grimsby (H); 20 Jan Port Vale (H); 21 Jan Barnsley (A); 22 Jan Bradford City (A); 23 Jan Bolton (H)
35	Sheff Juniors	26	37	33	7	4	1	20	10	4	2	7	12	20	WWWLW	16 Jan QPR (H); 19 Jan Grimsby (H); 20 Jan Port Vale (H); 21 Jan Barnsley (A); 22 Jan Bradford City (A); 23 Jan Bolton (H)
36	Sheff Thos	26	37	33	7	4	1	20	10	4	2	7	12	20	WWWLW	16 Jan QPR (H); 19 Jan Grimsby (H); 20 Jan Port Vale (H); 21 Jan Barnsley (A); 22 Jan Bradford City (A); 23 Jan Bolton (H)
37	Sheff Albion	26	37	33	7	4	1	20	10	4	2	7	12	20	WWWLW	16 Jan QPR (H); 19 Jan Grimsby (H); 20 Jan Port Vale (H); 21 Jan Barnsley (A); 22 Jan Bradford City (A); 23 Jan Bolton (H)
38	Sheff Hallam	26	37	33	7	4	1	20	10	4	2	7	12	20	WWWLW	16 Jan QPR (H); 19 Jan Grimsby (H); 20 Jan Port Vale (H); 21 Jan Barnsley (A); 22 Jan Bradford City (A); 23 Jan Bolton (H)
39	Sheff Juniors	26	37	33	7	4	1	20	10	4	2	7	12	20	WWWLW	16 Jan QPR (H); 19 Jan Grimsby (H); 20 Jan Port Vale (H); 21 Jan Barnsley (A); 22 Jan Bradford City (A); 23 Jan Bolton (H)
40	Sheff Thos	26	37	33	7	4	1	20	10	4	2	7	12	20	WWWLW	16 Jan QPR (H); 19 Jan Grimsby (H); 20 Jan Port Vale (H); 21 Jan Barnsley (A); 22 Jan Bradford City (A); 23 Jan Bolton (H)
41	Sheff Albion	26	37	33	7	4	1	20	10	4	2	7	12	20	WWWLW	16 Jan QPR (H); 19 Jan Grimsby (H); 20 Jan Port Vale (H); 21 Jan Barnsley (A); 22 Jan Bradford City (A); 23 Jan Bolton (H)
42	Sheff Hallam	26	37	33	7	4	1	20	10	4	2	7	12	20	WWWLW	16 Jan QPR (H); 19 Jan Grimsby (H); 20 Jan Port Vale (H); 21 Jan Barnsley (A); 22 Jan Bradford City (A); 23 Jan Bolton (H)
43	Sheff Juniors	26	37	33	7	4	1	20	10	4	2	7	12	20	WWWLW	16 Jan QPR (H); 19 Jan Grimsby (H); 20 Jan Port Vale (H); 21 Jan Barnsley (A); 22 Jan Bradford City (A); 23 Jan Bolton (H)
44	Sheff Thos	26	37	33	7	4	1	20	10	4	2	7	12	20	WWWLW	16 Jan QPR (H); 19 Jan Grimsby (H); 20 Jan Port Vale (H); 21 Jan Barnsley (A); 22 Jan Bradford City (A); 23 Jan Bolton (H)
45	Sheff Albion	26	37	33	7	4	1	20	10	4	2	7	12	20	WWWLW	16 Jan QPR (H); 19 Jan Grimsby (H); 20 Jan Port Vale (H); 21 Jan Barnsley (A); 22 Jan Bradford City (A); 23 Jan Bolton (H)
46	Sheff Hallam	26	37	33	7	4	1	20	10	4	2	7	12	20	WWWLW	16 Jan QPR (H); 19 Jan Grimsby (H); 20 Jan Port Vale (H); 21 Jan Barnsley (A); 22 Jan Bradford City (A); 23 Jan Bolton (H)
47	Sheff Juniors	26	37	33	7	4	1	20	10	4	2	7	12	20	WWWLW	16 Jan QPR (H); 19 Jan Grimsby (H); 20 Jan Port Vale (H); 21 Jan Barnsley (A); 22 Jan Bradford City (A); 23 Jan Bolton (H)
48	Sheff Thos	26	37	33	7	4	1	20	10	4	2	7	12	20	WWWLW	16 Jan QPR (H); 19 Jan Grimsby (H); 20 Jan Port Vale (H); 21 Jan Barnsley (A); 22 Jan Bradford City (A); 23 Jan Bolton (H)
49	Sheff Albion	26	37	33	7	4	1	20	10	4	2	7	12	20	WWWLW	16 Jan QPR (H); 19 Jan Grimsby (H); 20 Jan Port Vale (H); 21 Jan Barnsley (A); 22 Jan Bradford City (A); 23 Jan Bolton (H)
50	Sheff Hallam	26	37	33	7	4	1	20	10	4	2	7	12	20	WWWLW	16 Jan QPR (H); 19 Jan Grimsby (H); 20 Jan Port Vale (H); 21 Jan Barnsley (A); 22 Jan Bradford City (A); 23 Jan Bolton (H)
51	Sheff Juniors	26	37	33	7	4	1	20	10	4	2	7	12	20	WWWLW	16 Jan QPR (H); 19 Jan Grimsby (H); 20 Jan Port Vale (H); 21 Jan Barnsley (A); 22 Jan Bradford City (A); 23 Jan Bolton (H)
52	Sheff Thos	26	37	33	7	4	1	20	10	4	2	7	12	20	WWWLW	16 Jan QPR (H); 19 Jan Grimsby (H); 20 Jan Port Vale (H); 21 Jan Barnsley (A); 22 Jan Bradford City (A); 23 Jan Bolton (H)
53	Sheff Albion	26	37	33	7	4	1	20	10	4	2	7	12	20	WWWLW	16 Jan QPR (H); 19 Jan Grimsby (H); 20 Jan Port Vale (H); 21 Jan Barnsley (A); 22 Jan Bradford City (A); 23 Jan Bolton (H)
54	Sheff Hallam	26	37	33	7	4	1	20	10	4	2	7	12	20	WWWLW	16 Jan QPR (H); 19 Jan Grimsby (H); 20 Jan Port Vale (H); 21 Jan Barnsley (A); 22 Jan Bradford City (A); 23 Jan Bolton (H)
55	Sheff Juniors	26	37	33	7	4	1	20	10	4	2	7	12	20	WWWLW	16 Jan QPR (H); 19 Jan Grimsby (H); 20 Jan Port Vale (H); 21 Jan Barnsley (A); 22 Jan Bradford City (A); 23 Jan Bolton (H)
56	Sheff Thos	26	37	33	7	4	1	20	10	4	2	7	12	20	WWWLW	16 Jan QPR (H); 19 Jan Grimsby (H); 20 Jan Port Vale (H); 21 Jan Barnsley (A); 22 Jan Bradford City (A); 23 Jan Bolton (H)
57	Sheff Albion	26	37	33	7	4	1	20	10	4	2	7	12	20	WWWLW	16 Jan QPR (H); 19 Jan Grimsby (H); 20 Jan Port Vale (H); 21 Jan Barnsley (A); 22 Jan Bradford City (A); 23 Jan Bolton (H)
58	Sheff Hallam	26	37	33	7	4	1	20	10	4	2	7	12	20	WWWLW	16 Jan QPR (H); 19 Jan Grimsby (H); 20 Jan Port Vale (H); 21 Jan Barnsley (A); 22 Jan Bradford City (A); 23 Jan Bolton (H)
59	Sheff Juniors	26	37	33	7	4	1	20	10	4	2	7	12	20	WWWLW	16 Jan QPR (H); 19 Jan Grimsby (H); 20 Jan Port Vale (H); 21 Jan Barnsley (A); 22 Jan Bradford City (A); 23 Jan Bolton (H)
60	Sheff Thos	26	37	33	7	4	1	20	10	4	2	7	12	20	WWWLW	16 Jan QPR (H); 19 Jan Grimsby (H); 20 Jan Port Vale (H); 21 Jan Barnsley (A); 22 Jan Bradford City (A); 23 Jan Bolton (H)
61	Sheff Albion	26	37	33	7	4	1	20	10	4	2	7	12	20	WWWLW	16 Jan QPR (H); 19 Jan Grimsby (H); 20 Jan Port Vale (H); 21 Jan Barnsley (A); 22 Jan Bradford City (A); 23 Jan Bolton (H)
62	Sheff Hallam	26	37	33	7	4	1	20	10	4	2	7	12	20	WWWLW	16 Jan QPR (H); 19 Jan Grimsby (H); 20 Jan Port Vale (H); 21 Jan Barnsley (A); 22 Jan Bradford City (A); 23 Jan Bolton (H)
63	Sheff Juniors	26	37	33	7	4	1	20	10	4	2	7	12	20	WWWLW	16 Jan QPR (H); 19 Jan Grimsby (H); 20 Jan Port Vale (H); 21 Jan Barnsley (A); 22 Jan Bradford City (A); 23 Jan Bolton (H)
64	Sheff Thos	26	37	33	7	4	1	20	10	4	2	7	12	20	WWWLW	16 Jan QPR (H); 19 Jan Grimsby (H); 20 Jan Port Vale (H); 21 Jan Barnsley (A); 22 Jan Bradford City (A); 23 Jan Bolton (H)
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Premiership football: Relief for Gregory as his contenders resume leadership ahead of tonight's title confrontation

## Ehiogu late show raises Villa billing

ASTON VILLA returned to the top of the Premiership, though perhaps only until Chelsea meet Manchester United tonight, when a late goal by Ugo Ehiogu broke the resistance of a Sheffield Wednesday side who played for 70 minutes with 10 men following the dismissal of Dejan Stefanovic.

Wednesday, who have specialised in frustrating championship contenders, were within five minutes of adding a point at Villa Park to the one they took from Stamford Bridge and home wins over United and Arsenal when Ehiogu's header rewarded mounting pressure by John Gregory's team.

It was quite an afternoon for central defenders. Apart from Stefanovic's exit for a second bookable offence and Des Walker's first caution for two and a half years, Gareth Southgate fired Villa in front with his first goal in a similar period. Benito Carbone equalised immediately, but Wednesday's vulnerability at set-pieces ultimately ensured a scoreline which reflected the balance of play.

Gregory, while conceding that Villa were not at their best, praised their ability to "grind out" results. The Villa manager felt that Stefanovic's punishment had been "very harsh", a view expressed more forcibly by Danny Wilson. "The first yellow card was diabolical," the Wednesday manager said. "The referee will be embarrassed when he sees it again."

Considering they had finished a draining match at Blackburn - playing a man short for 35 minutes - the vigour with which Villa stuck at their task spoke volumes for their fitness and commitment. In their pre-Christmas fixture, at Charlton, Villa's goal arrived after three minutes. This time, only seven minutes had passed

BY PHIL SHAW

Aston Villa 2  
Sheffield Wednesday 1

before Stefanovic was judged to have fouled Julian Joachim and was cautioned. Lee Hendrie's free-kick found Pavel Srnicek punching weakly under pressure, allowing Southgate to volley home from 12 yards.

The Villa captain had not scored since striking the winner against Blackburn on the night of Kenny Dalglish's departure in August 1996. Yet if Southgate hoped an early goal might suffice once more, a combination of Villa's slapdash defending and Carbone's virtuosity swiftly disabused them of such notions.

## PREMIERSHIP TOP SIX

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Aston Villa	20	11	6	3	31	20	39
Chelsea	19	9	9	1	31	17	36
Arsenal	20	9	8	3	22	11	35
Man Utd	19	9	7	3	39	23	34
Leeds	19	8	8	3	32	17	32
West Ham	20	9	8	3	24	23	32

The Italian, suspended when Wednesday lost to Leicester on Boxing Day, initially set up a shooting chance for Andy Booth but Gareth Barry dispossessed him at the expense of a corner. When Andy Hinchcliffe's flag-kick was cleared back to him, he crossed again for Booth to outjump Dublin and give Carbone the opportunity to demonstrate the art of the overhead kick.

Villa were pressing forward in numbers when Stefanovic, perhaps caught out by Joachim's acceleration, again sent him tumbling. The Villa striker tried to stay on his feet, but like the Yugoslav, he did not have a leg to stand on.

Wednesday's strategy was already one of counter-attack. Switching to four at the back

and boldly leaving two up front, they twice scared Villa before the interval. First, Petter Rudi's cross was volleyed narrowly wide by Niclas Alexandersson; then Carbone chipped over Michael Oakes only to see the ball land on the roof of the net.

Villa's exasperation intensified when Dublin, meeting Alan Wright's cross five yards out, saw his first shot thud into Hinchcliffe and his follow-up blocked by Srnicek in first-half stoppage time.

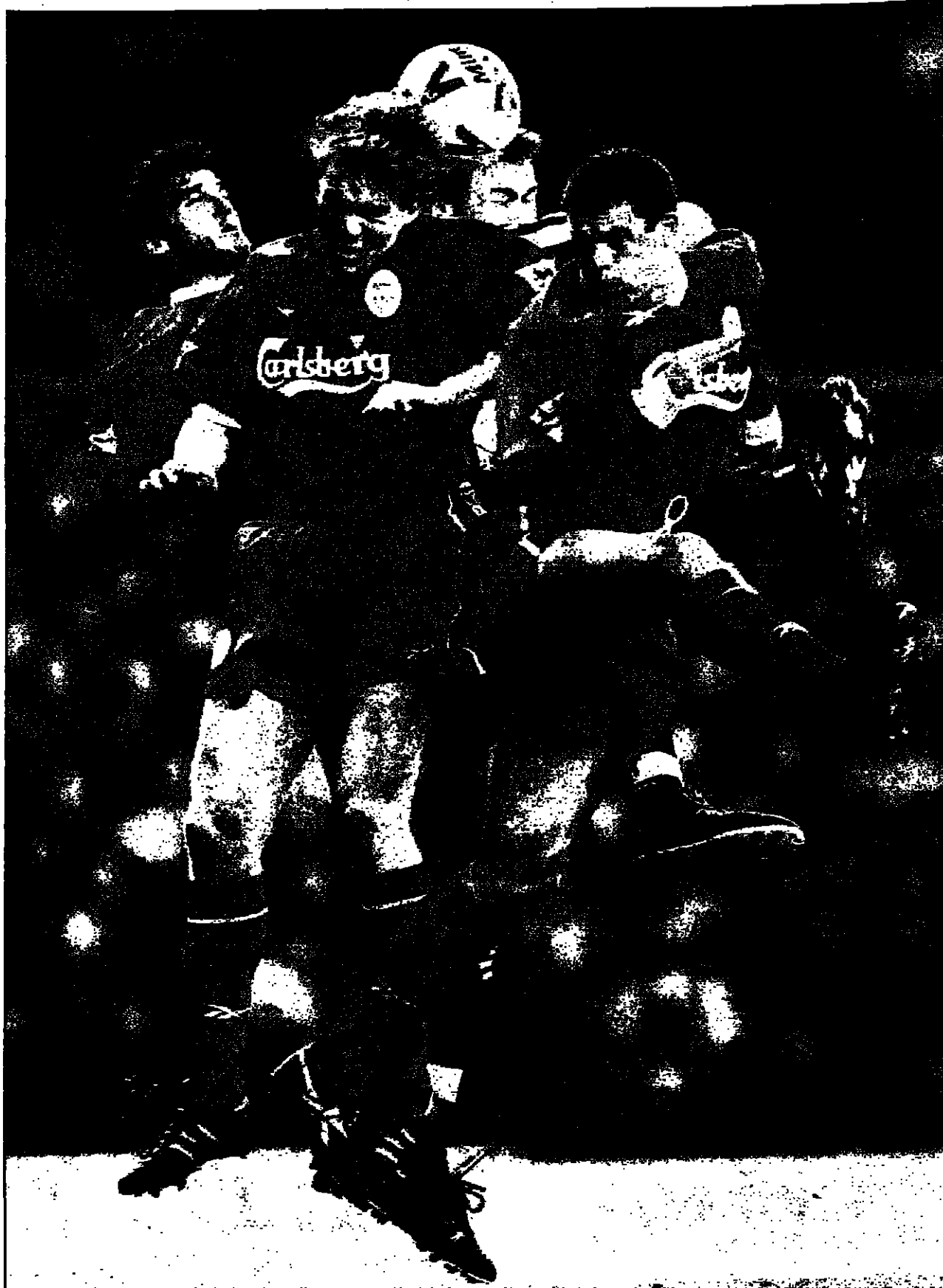
Eight minutes in the second half Gregory sent on Stan Collymore and Mark Draper, a play that had transformed Villa's previous home game, against Arsenal, but Wednesday kept possession and covered assiduously to deny them space.

On the hour, Ehiogu's towering header from a corner was wrongly disallowed by Mr Barber, and with 16 minutes left, Hinchcliffe received the benefit of substantial doubt when he appeared to take Joachim's legs in the penalty area.

In the 82nd minute, moments after Steve Watson had headed wide, Joachim's eventful day continued when his 20-yard drive rebounded off the far post. Gregory admitted later he was resigned to drawing the game at that stage. However, when Ehiogu met Wright's corner with a header that was a carbon copy of his earlier effort, Wednesday had exhausted their supply of good fortune.

Goalkeeper Southgate (7) 1-4; Carbone (8) 1-1; Ehiogu (85) 2-1.  
Aston Villa (3-5-2): Oakes; Ehiogu, Southgate, Barry Watson, Taylor (Draper 53); Hendrie, Scrimshaw (Collymore 53); Wright, Joachim, Dublin, Srnicek (not used).  
Sheffield Wednesday (3-5-2): Srnicek; Thomas, Walker, Stefanovic, Alexandersson (Briscoe 69); Jork, Asherson, Rudi (Humphreys 69); Hinchcliffe, Booth, Carbone. Substitutes not used: Magilton, Sorrell, Freeman (69).  
Referee: G Barber (Plymouth).  
Send-off: Sheffield Wednesday: Stefanovic. Bookings: Sheffield Wednesday: Stefanovic, Rudi, Walker, Hinchcliffe.  
Man of the match: Hendrie.  
Attendance: 39,217.

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Newcastle striker Duncan Ferguson's aerial threat is apparent as three Liverpool players, Karlheinz Riedle (left), Steve Staunton and Jamie Carragher, battle to keep him under wraps at Anfield yesterday. *Alamy*

## Owen ruins Gullit's day

BY GUY HODGSON

Liverpool 4  
Newcastle United 2

was a long time in coming, because Anders Andersson was able to add to Nolberto Solano's opener early in the second half before Newcastle were swept aside. Needless to say Michael Owen made up a substantial part of the tidal wave.

"Even when we were 2-0 down we showed the character to keep passing and coming forward," Gerard Houllier, the Liverpool manager, said. "The great thing is it's the first time in a long time since we won three matches in a row."

You do not need a fine grasp of football tactics to know that Liverpool's defence flaps whenever the ball is in the air and it required only 20 seconds for the weakness to be laid bare. Alan Shearer flicked on and Duncan Ferguson's low shot to the far post would have scored but for David James' long arm turning it round the post.

Defining a problem is only half-way to solving it, however, and as Ferguson ruled the roost it was only a matter of time before Newcastle would profit. That time was 28 minutes

when the giant centre-forward headed down Stephen Glass's free-kick and Solano charged in to thrash the ball past James.

Newcastle, who were turned over 4-3 in successive seasons here recently, exulted, but the celebrations were cut short almost immediately. Hamann had already been cautioned for a lunge at Steve McManaman that will sideline the England winger for at least two weeks with an ankle injury and when he tripped Patrick Berger he was sent off.

The visitors were furious that Hamann should be booked again for a foul that appeared no more serious than the one Jamie Redknapp had inflicted on Gary Speed in the build-up to the goal and Shearer was also booked in the protests.

If Newcastle were upset it was nothing compared to the home crowd who watched in disbelief as 10-man Newcastle went further ahead after 55 minutes. Phil Babb and Jamie Carragher went for the same ball, became entangled and then allowed Andersson the freedom to swerve round James. Babb almost got back to rescue things, but the shot bounced off his heel and into the net.

Houllier found extra attack-

ing verve in Vegard Heggem. The Norwegian was freed from his defensive responsibilities by the introduction of Jason McAteer and ripped Newcastle apart on the right flank. Even so it seemed Liverpool would be denied as Shay Given produced save after save and it required the lightning reflexes of Owen to launch their comeback.

With Anfield seething with excitement it would probably have been unstoppable anyway and the last thing it needed was any favours. But that was what it got when the referee ignored what appeared to be a handball by Karlheinz Riedle on his way to crashing the ball into the Newcastle net.

That was the pin that deflated the visitors' resistance. Owen got his second after 80 minutes and Riedle matched him four minutes later. Goals: Solano (28) 0-1; Owen (55) 0-2; Owen (67) 1-2; Riedle (72) 2-2; Owen (80) 3-2; Riedle (84) 4-2.  
Liverpool (3-5-2): James; Carragher, Staunton, Babb (McMan 58), Heggem, McManaman (Gerrard 24); Thompson, H-1, Redknapp, Berger, Blomqvist, Owen, Riedle. Substitutes not used: Friedel (84), Hartness.  
Newcastle United (4-4-2): Given; Charvet, Hughes, Howey, Pearce; Solano (Dalglish 74), Hamann, Speed, Glass (Georgiadis 66); Ferguson (Andersson 49), Shearer. Substitutes not used: Barnes, Harper (84).  
Referee: S Lodge (Barnsley). Bookings: Newcastle Shearer. Send-off: Newcastle Hamann.  
Man of the match: Owen.  
Attendance: 44,505.

## Desailly ready to raise the Blues flag

BY MARK PIERSON

WITH CHELSEA'S title credentials set to undergo their second examination by Manchester United within the space of a fortnight tonight, the stage is set for the return of Marcel Desailly.

The Frenchman has not played since the injury-time victory against Aston Villa on 9 December, missing four games in the meantime with a knee injury including the 1-1 draw at Old Trafford. But, with Dennis Wise suspended and Gustavo Poyet out injured for at least a couple of weeks, the timing of Desailly's expected return could hardly have been better.

A colossus at the back alongside compatriot Frank Leboeuf, the French international signed from Milan over the summer has also played several times this season in a holding role in midfield. While Jody Morris has performed with distinction over recent weeks, the Chelsea player-manager, Gianluca Vialli, may prefer Desailly's experience and stature against United, especially given the form of Michael Duberry in defence.

Indeed, it is a measure of the strength of Chelsea's squad that just when they look to have problems in central midfield, they can look to call upon the services of a World Cup winner to step in. Desailly has been close to starting Chelsea's last two games before pulling out late on, so his involvement is not certain. However, the feeling persists that Vialli may have been saving him for tonight when he named his side to face Southampton on Boxing Day.

Roberto Di Matteo may also be back to partner Desailly in central midfield after missing the trip to The Dell through suspension, while the hand injury which required a minor operation should have cleared up sufficiently. Chelsea will wait until later this week for further tests on the knee injury which Fyfe suffered at Southampton before giving an update on his condition, despite reports already ruling him out for six weeks.

United's doubts surround £28m worth of talent forced to miss Saturday's 3-0 win over Nottingham Forest, with Dwight Yorke, Jaap Stam and Andy Cole all having treatment. "We will have to see how they are before making any decisions," said the United manager, Alex Ferguson, who admits he is looking forward to the big game.

"We have a very good record at Chelsea," he said. "It's one of our favourite grounds just as it is for Chelsea when they come to Old Trafford. It will be a smashing match and I think it has some significance for the title race in that whoever wins will be doing handstands."

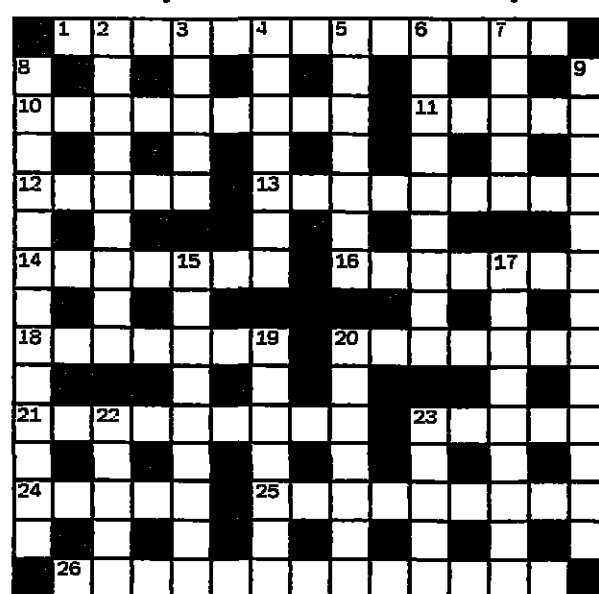
Gary Neville is available after missing Saturday's win through suspension but will be out again on Sunday after collecting five bookings. He misses the FA Cup tie with Middlesbrough but could be back tonight at the expense of his brother Phil, who was right back against Forest. Ronny Johnsen, who scored twice on Saturday, could lose his place if Stam and Neville return but Ferguson may decide to leave Johnsen in the side alongside the Dutchman.

## THE TUESDAY CROSSWORD

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20 Cattle enthusiast getting a look (7)  
21 One forms column in forbidden city to right

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23 Feature of French in piece of plumbing? (5)  
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4 One not the woman in question? (7)  
5 Editor's demise is causing some cross-currents (7)

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7 Artist and doctor meeting old brutal person (5)  
8 Job of work after coming from the theatre? (4-9)  
9 Rising water level which could get rid of religious celebration (13)  
15 Producer of chips gets lecture from wit (9)  
17 Indian's topping explosive speech (9)  
19 Such oxide could give you a gas and a laugh? (7)  
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22 Farm machinery which could get rid of water, we hear (5)  
23 Sound of complaint from formidable attorney (5)

## Bribes bring call to scrap 'tainted' event

AUSTRALIA'S FORMER sports minister has called on the International Olympic Committee to scrap the Olympic Games after 2004 - because their credibility has been so badly damaged by the latest bribes scandal.

Andrew Thomson, the son of the five-times Open golf champion Peter Thomson, said the time had come for the Olympic Games to be replaced by another global sporting event organised by a different group of

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people. "If you're going to organise sport on a global level I would have thought the first requirement would be that it be ethically clean and that there be no suggestion of any financial taint to it at all," Thomson said in Sydney yesterday.

"But I don't think that with these people [IOC members] appointed for life, silly as that obviously is, that they can redeem themselves."

"Why can't we organise a global competition in some other form where the franchises are not handed out by this extraordinary, bizarre group of men."

"What better than to say Athens, Olympic history and all that, why not make 2004 the last?"

The IOC was embarrassed earlier this month when the executive board member Marc Hodler said that some IOC members had taken money or

favours from bidding cities in return for votes to secure the right to host Olympic festivals.

Thomson, who was replaced by Jackie Kelly as the Australian sports minister after a general election in October, said he believed Sydney's bid for the 2000 Games had been above board.

Sydney was chosen in 1993 as 2000 hosts after a bitter struggle with Peking.

"From what I've heard from others, Sydney's bid was clean

- that was the great miracle of it," Thomson said.

"Having the Games in Sydney despite some of the fuss surrounding SOCOG [the Sydney organising committee] is the only way the Olympic movement could possibly maintain even the slightest cleanliness about it."

"I think that if the Games had gone to Peking, given the drug problems in China, that would have killed it off very quickly."



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## Blood wedding



Boy meets girl. They fall in love and marry. It's an everyday story – except that the couple have ignited a tinderbox of communal tensions and now her father wants them killed

**K**hanwar Ahsan, a clerk from Karachi, and his true love, Riffat Afridi, a young woman from the rugged mountains of the North-West Frontier, have done a very modern thing. They have fallen in love; they have run away; they have married in secret, and in defiance of their families they have set up home together. And now there is a good chance that one or both of them will pay for all this modernity with their lives.

This love story has mesmerised Pakistan over the past year: a bitter tale of star-crossed lovers and of fierce communal hatred and violence to rival anything that Verona could produce. It is, in short, an aptly harsh tale to sprout from the urban wastes of Karachi: a city at once the most prosperous and the most violent, the most stylish and the most barbaric in Pakistan.

Their's was a match made in this city, sometimes described as a melting pot, but which more often seems like a time bomb. To the outsider's casual gaze, there appeared nothing wrong with their relationship. Both partners were products of communities sucked into the city by economic need and opportunity. They were both Muslims, both Pakistanis, both citizens of the province of Sind. But their communities are deeply antagonistic. In Shakespeare's play, the deaths of Romeo and Juliet bring their warring families together in the final scene. Only the most optimistic could imagine that the deaths of Khanwar and Riffat might produce such a result for the Mohajirs and the Pathans.

For the past nine months, ever since the assault with automatic weapons that has left Khanwar with a permanent limp, they have been in hiding. According to Khanwar's elder brother they are in the care of Khanwar's friends and distant relatives, moving frequently from one hiding place to another.

A fortnight ago they emerged from hiding long enough to make it known that they were seeking asylum abroad. But the latest news is that their applications for asylum have failed. Of EU countries, only the Netherlands held out some hope. "But they suggested we hire a lawyer over there to pursue the case," said Khanwar's brother. "That, however, is more than we can afford." Meanwhile, he claimed, professional killers hired by Riffat Afridi's family are still hunting for the couple.

Khanwar Ahsan, aged 30, had worked for several years as a clerk in Karachi, close to the Afridis' family home. He was the child of Mohajirs, Muslim refugees (mohajir means simply refugee) who streamed into Karachi at the time of Pakistan's partition from modern India in 1947 when the sub-continent gained independence from Britain. More than half the current population of Karachi consists of Mohajirs, but they retain lingering, deep-seated grievances against both the native Sindis who were the old feudal power on this coast (the influential Bhutto family – Zulfikar and his daughter Benazir have been president and prime minister respectively – prominent among them), and the Punjabis who dominate the central government.

As outsiders and newcomers, the Mohajirs feel persistently cheated and downgraded; excluded from the higher ranks of government, the judiciary, the police. Stoking the fires of grievance, their main political party, Mohajir Qoumi Movement (MQM), has adopted tactics of hyper-violence against its opponents, turning Karachi into the bloodiest city in south Asia. Last month it became so bad that the current prime minister, Nawaz Sharif, placed the city under martial law.

If there was fanaticism and fury among Khanwar's community, his lover's had it in equal measure. Riffat Afridi was the 19-year-old daughter – the "favourite daughter" according to one report – of a Pathan tribal chief. The Pathans or Pashtuns are the tribesmen of the North-West Frontier: tall, rangy, valiant, and unmistakable with their piled-up turbans, hawk profiles and insouciant mountain man machismo.

Their community straddles the Pakistan-Afghanistan border, and, while the majority now live in Pakistan, in sparsely populated Afghanistan they number more than half the population. During the colonial period, the British found them persistently unruly: there were numerous fierce rebellions. "Wide-

spread lawlessness and defiance of British authority," writes historian Robert G Wirsing, "were the constant complaint of British officialdom at virtually all times."

The best the British Empire could manage was to contain them through political

BY JASON BURKE & PETER POPHAM

agents, allowing them to rule themselves under tribal chiefs and with their own laws. And this limited autonomy has continued to the present day in Pakistan. The clamour for an independent state of "Pashtunistan" is no longer vociferous, however, as citizens of Pakistan, the Pathans are at best semi-detached.

The matching of a middle-class Mohajir with the "favourite daughter" of a tribal chief from the mountains was never going to please either set of in-laws. That they

got together at all was a testimony to the melting-pot qualities of Karachi. But the reaction of Riffat's family exemplifies more the city's explosive potential. The Pathans have very strong ideas about what is and what is not right in love and mar-

riage. Their heightened sense of honour, *nang*, means that if a woman of the tribe receives so much as a lingering glance from a stranger, tribal honour is besmirched, and *badal*, or revenge, must be sought. This can mean death to the offender.

But if a woman of the tribe enters willingly into a liaison with a stranger, it is not her honour but that of the family which must be restored, and that requires both lovers be killed. This is the nightmare in which Khanwar and Riffat now live. Details

of the first meetings and the doubtless furtive courtship of the couple are hard to come by. Apparently they first met four years ago, by chance, because of the proximity of Khanwar's office and Riffat's home. In snatched meetings after that, their relationship deepened. Then in September of last year they took their fateful decision. In secret they married, then eloped to Rawalpindi, a large city in the north, suitably distant from both their clans.

When the news of the marriage reached him, Riffat's father erupted in fury. But he hatched a plan and laid a charge of kidnapping against his unwelcome new son-in-law. Riffat, he insisted, was already married to a 19-year-old from the same tribe called Niazhat Khan. Khan backed the story up. "We were married seven months ago," he claimed. "I will accept her as my wife if she is returned to me. She is already married according to our customs, and cannot be given to anyone else."

The police took this convenient tale perhaps more seriously than it merited. Khanwar was duly arrested in Rawalpindi, and taken to Karachi to stand trial for kidnapping. There matters might have rested until the case was heard but at this point a tribal dimension entered the affair.

Rifat's father convened a *jirga*, a tribal council, to deliberate on the matter, and the elders solemnly declared that Khanwar and his Mohajir protectors must die. Pathan law, which prevails in their own tribal area, should also apply in this case, the *jirga* maintained – even though the urban wastes of Karachi are hundreds of miles from their mountain homeland.

Now passions were ignited – political grievance, communal xenophobia and traditional urges for revenge make an explosive mix. On 11 February riots broke out in Karachi, and continued for three days: two passers-by were killed, and many people injured, including several policemen. The couple remained defiant.

From his prison cell at the time, Khanwar told reporters: "We loved each other and they would not allow us to marry, so we did it anyway. I will not leave her, come what may."

He did not have to wait long for what was coming. As he entered the Karachi court building on 4 March, relatives of Riffat opened fire with AK47 automatic rifles, hitting him three times, damaging his spine and leaving him partially paralysed. Three policemen were also injured in the affray, and seven members of Riffat's family were arrested.

Why has the story of Khanwar and Riffat so captivated Pakistan? It is not only the frightening exoticism of the Pathans trying to impose tribal law in suburban Karachi. Nor is it merely the gruesome communal mismatch of the unlucky couple. Rather it is a story that touches a particularly tender nerve. It throws into relief the centrifugal forces that threaten to rip Pakistan apart: refugee "outsiders", on the one hand, using everything in their power to achieve the status they believe is their right; proud and stubborn tribals on the other, clinging to their traditional codes, even trying to extend them.

These are the sorts of forces that give this young, fragile, artificial nation such a tenuous sense of its identity, and such a tenuous fear of what the future may hold.

Karachi remains a tinderbox of communal tensions. Anything – a road accident, a love affair, an assertion of will by the usually enfeebled city government – can set it off. This simmering city is constantly on the verge of boiling over.

Yet for all its troubles, which include collapsing infrastructure, severe atmospheric pollution and crazy, cancer-like growth, in many ways Karachi works. It works for the rich, for whom it is Pakistan's centre of urban sophistication. It works for women, vast numbers of whom obtain good educations; get responsible and well-paid jobs, and conduct themselves almost as freely as Europeans. It even works for many of the poor, whom it attracts in huge numbers and whose shanties sprawl across the baked desert sand. "It is a *gharb nazam* city," a bus conductor put it recently to a local journalist – "a city which provides for the poor." Food is cheap, for example; accommodation cheaper.

Such a city should breed and inculcate civic values; just as it enables couples of different, warring communities to meet and fall in love. It should also create the conditions where they can settle down and live in peace. But for Karachi at present that is one measure of civilisation too far.

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## Kosovo's tragedy

Sir: Considering that every nation of the ever-turbulent Balkans has significant minority populations who desire unification with their "mother" countries, Rupert Cornwell's support for "mono-ethnic states" ("Can anyone keep peace between the Serbs and Albanians in Kosovo?", 28 December) in the Balkans is ludicrous and would set a dangerous precedent the world over that terrorism can indeed change the borders and ethnic compositions of nations.

A Western military presence in Kosovo will be a *de facto* occupation of Yugoslavia (reminiscent of the Nazi German occupation during the Second World War) if it is not condoned by the Yugoslav government and will have to be open-ended because injustice is not easily forgotten in this part of the world.

By preventing the Yugoslav government from combating the terrorist actions of the KLA, the West will in fact be supporting the continued persecution and ethnic cleansing of Kosovo's non-Albanian population which includes not only Serbs, but also Gypsies, Serbian Muslims, and other ethnic groups who number over 400,000 (according to some estimates) and are generally counted as "Albanian" but who in fact are mainly loyal to Yugoslavia. Western-imposed solutions will not offer any long-term remedy to the Yugoslav tragedy. The devastating sanctions which cripple all Yugoslavs (Serbian and Albanian alike) must be lifted to boost the economy so that Serbian and Albanian leaders will no longer have a scapegoat to rouse their respective peoples against one another.

Only then can we hope that at least some of the irresponsible leaders who destroyed the former Yugoslavia will be replaced.  
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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Panto Season No 2: Ben Crocker (in silhouette), the artistic director of Exeter's Northcott Theatre, oversees a rehearsal of 'Dick Whittington' John Voos

## The sky at night

Sir: Roger Highfield ascribes discovery of the conjunction of Jupiter and Saturn in Pisces in 7BC to David Hughes of Sheffield University: it was in fact discovered by Kepler in 1603 ("Our ancient fascination with the sky at night", 19 December). Modern archaeology confirms that the conjunction was observed at the School of Astrology at Sippar in Mesopotamia.

Most of the Christmas carols we sing are good poetry and most are consistent with the Biblical record. Not surprisingly, most are also astronomically challenged. An exception is *O Little Town of Bethlehem* which contains the lines: "O morning stars together proclaim the holy birth."

Phillips Brooks wrote this in Victorian times, and presumably he was aware of the real identity of the star of Bethlehem.

From the astronomical point of view, the most troublesome aspect of the Biblical record is in Matthew 2 verse 9 - "...and, lo, the star which they saw in the East went before them, till it came and stood over where the young child was". In fact, as the astronomers journeyed south from Jerusalem to Bethlehem on 4 December, the third conjunction would have been ahead of them all the time. One can imagine their reaction - except one does not have to. "When they saw the star, they rejoiced with exceeding great joy" (v10).

Roger Highfield is right to say the debate will continue. That does not mean that the facts are not available.  
HENRY SPYVEE  
Colchester, Essex

## A seasonal saving

Sir: An article by Janet Fricker on your Home Life page ("A little list and a lot of bother", 15 November) has just saved us well over £2,000.

We had just completed some alterations to our listed cottage, and paid the builder's bill which included a substantial sum of VAT. In her article Fricker clearly explained that the work we had done, which involved moving the

staircase from the centre of the sitting room to another part of the house, should have been exempt from VAT. Having telephoned the local VAT office I was assured that this information was correct and they helpfully sent a booklet on VAT for builders which included a certificate of VAT exemption.

I was particularly delighted to see this article when I did, as we had been assured by both the builder and the architect that we would have to pay VAT. There was an element of malicious pleasure in getting something back from the tax man for once.  
JUDITH PEARSON  
Hemel Hempstead, Hertfordshire

## NHS rationing

Sir: Fran Abrams' article "Doctors who choose to reject the old" (17 December), told only half the story about institutionalised discrimination against the elderly in the NHS.

For decades there has been collusion between government and the medical profession in rationing care, while maintaining the NHS as the best in the world. Two groups have been particularly easy to deprive, the elderly and the socially disadvantaged. Until recently both groups were grateful for any health care they received and seemed to be unaware they were getting second best. What is geriatrics but a means for rationing care to the elderly?

I would welcome legislation that ended discrimination based on age, but ending ageist apartheid within the NHS would have major financial implications. To pass legislation without the financial wherewithal to implement it would be a cynical charade.  
SIMON J ELLIS  
Consultant Neurologist  
Stoke-on-Trent, Staffordshire

Sir: As a dentist with a nearly 100 per cent NHS practice, I read John Hunt's comments on NHS underfunding (letter, 22 December) with much interest. Down the years, more and more

has been demanded of us, whether as employers or clinicians, and the resources have not been available from the NHS to meet those demands. The process cannot go on; I cannot allow my income to go on falling as it is at present.

However, at least I graduated from dental school free of debt. Today's new dental graduate has, on average, £9,500 of debt, nearly £2,000 more than the average new medical graduate.

At this point in their careers, they have a clear choice. They can either leave the NHS and have a financial structure to enable them to meet properly increasing demands and aspirations (from public, patients, and staff) or they can take their chance with the NHS. Under present circumstances, the wise choice is only too obvious. If the

Government wishes NHS dentistry to survive, never mind prosper, it has some hard thinking to do.  
EDWARD B STRACHAN  
Cheshire, Cheshire

## The Brussels yoke

Sir: As one of the "Euroscopics" so derided in J W Holmes' letter (23 December), I would like to put the record straight.

Harmonizing "taxation, financial and social matters" with the rest of the EU in the way he exhorts us to do would mean adopting a model which is not only alien to our way of life but also manifestly failing. Why should any citizen of this land want to be taxed and regulated more, or to more than double his chances of being unemployed?  
Mr Holmes also urges us to

"adopt the euro as soon as possible", citing the ability to devalue as the only advantage of having one's own currency - he chooses to ignore the fact that currency values change as part of the action of the markets, reflecting the relative performances of economies. Having one's own currency allows the authorities to set economic policy to suit domestic conditions. Many millions of Britons suffered great hardship when we last gave up the ability to do this, during the ERM fiasco. EMU presents all of the same problems, but does not even give the possibility of escape.

We were to follow Mr Holmes' advice, we would turn our back on our history and values, and lock ourselves irrevocably into a bureaucratic, sclerotic, European superstate. It is a sad sign of the

degree to which our national self-confidence has been undermined that this is seriously suggested as the best future for us.

Far from being country bumpkins, we Euroscopics raise our eyes to the broad horizons available to the UK as a great trading nation, with the fifth largest economy in the world. It is within our reach to do so much better - if we can just free ourselves from the yoke of rule from Brussels.  
AUSTIN SPREADBURY  
London EN2

## Pinochet's rights

Sir: Richard Mann (letter, 22 December) argues that "Amnesty should support the Law Lords' decision to have a second hearing" in the Pinochet case.

Indeed we do support the need for the judicial process to be both fair and seen to be fair, and that includes the right to challenge a judicial decision. The fact that the victims of crimes against humanity in Chile never received a fair hearing does not compromise in any way General Pinochet's absolute right to a fair and impartial trial.

Richard Mann is wrong, however, to suggest that Amnesty International is "another prosecution service". Amnesty International does not itself undertake private prosecutions, but it does urge governments and prosecuting authorities to investigate human rights abuses and ensure that those responsible are held accountable.

Merely complaining about human rights abuses is not enough, as the appalling cycle of recent crimes in Central Africa and the former Yugoslavia tragically testifies.

Unless we end impunity for such abuses, what hope do we have of preventing future crimes against humanity?  
MARK LATTIMER  
Communications Director  
Amnesty International UK  
London EC1

## Action on Iraq

Sir: Ms Alibhai-Brown's tirade ("What's the point if you do this to Muslims", 24 December) against British politics shows an immaturity of breathtaking stature. Democracy is not a form of government that one can support whenever convenient.

Apparently, we charged into Iraq with "thoughtless policies and actions". I thought that we had eight years of tedious negotiations and endless "last warnings".

Racist Britain is to blame, it seems, for allowing Muslim suffering in Bosnia. I did not notice any Muslim countries jumping to their rescue. Is Indonesia responsible for Kurdish deaths in Iraq? Saudi Arabia for slaves in the Sudan? Apparently not.

Presumably, Britain's millions of Muslim immigrants prefer its "imperialist, ruthless, xenophobic, democratic, immoral" to their own native lands. Am I perhaps a little naive in expecting assimilation rather than demands, gratitude rather than tantrums?  
TONY FREEMAN  
London NW11

Sir: David Aaronovitch must be at least half my age, and therefore would not have experienced as a child the London Blitz - night after night living in an Anderson shelter, their corrugated iron sides shaking from the bombs dropping all around. Otherwise he would not have been so ready to state that there was "no alternative" to the bombing of Baghdad (Review, 22 December).

Can he really put pen to paper and admit, looking back at this war-torn century in which our species has been destroyed in greater numbers than ever before by our own hand, that there still really is "no alternative" to war?

What on earth was - and is - wrong with the lifting and ending of sanctions and giving the Iraqi people all the help we can muster to show the other, more humane side of our Western civilisation?  
PETER PORTEOUS  
Nubourne, West Sussex

Sir: The Prime Minister has announced that there is no quarrel with the Iraqi people, only the Iraqi tyranny and its military.

Doubtless the same sentiments have inspired the US, often with British support, either to set up, arm or support Suharto, Noriega, Marcos, Pinochet, the Shah of Iran, the family tyrannies whom Saddam threatens, indeed Saddam himself when he embarked on his war against Iran, when the West wanted a strong friend to oppose Islamic fundamentalism.

As Tony Blair himself recently remarked: "We must learn from our history... but not be mesmerised by it."  
ADRIAN KOZLOWSKI  
Birmingham

Sir: Amid the roar of questions being asked about the American action in bombing the Iraqis, one small but pertinent one risks being drowned out. Since it is almost certain that the action will have the effect of strengthening Saddam's hold on power, why exactly is this an aim of American policy?  
CONNOR FERRIS  
Exeter

## Teutonic timetables

Sir: As one Bourne to another, may I pass on some advice to Arthur and Fiona Bourne (letter, 23 December) about the hopelessness of all the website timetable information provided by UK train operators?

Facing a similar bewilderment when living in Cambridge, I followed the suggestion of a Finnish friend and looked up German railways' website at www.bahn.de. To my astonishment, I found, in English as well as German, complete, accurate, up-to-date details of all trains in western Europe, including the UK.

It is perhaps another sign of the folly of rail privatisation in the UK that the Germans can get timetable information that is denied to the British public.  
CHRIS BOURNE  
Brussels

## IN BRIEF

1974 there was no Turkish army in Cyprus, except 650 Turkish soldiers allowed under the Cyprus settlement. Why then were the Turkish Cypriots pushed by the Greeks into ghettos on 3 per cent of the island, and under Greek siege for almost 10 years.  
HAKKI MUFTUZZADE  
London Representative  
Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus  
London WC1

Sir: Well, that's that, then. You scribbled got him in the end ("Black Christmas for Blair as Mandelson and Robinson quit", 24 December). It took a while but you managed at last. It doesn't matter that he is clever with a breadth of vision rare in politics, dedicated and ready to work all hours. He doesn't matter that he has made the best contacts with industry for years, that he made it possible for the Labour Party to present itself as a

competent alternative. Very British; very sickening  
JOHN RUSKIN  
Wombwell, South Yorkshire

Sir: I have concerns about a psychiatric bias in the Department of Health working group on the illness ME, set up to produce good practice guidelines for doctors.

The group has three sections, a key group writing the guidelines, a children's group, and a reference group, to comment on proceedings but with no decision-making power. Among others, the working group contains: seven psychiatric specialists (three in the key group), most known to view the illness as mainly psychological, and two counsellors or therapists.

There is one neurologist, and one immunologist - both of whom are on the reference group (with little power).

Has the agenda been set before the first meeting?  
LAURA JONES  
Dunvant, West Glamorgan

## Can anybody remember how the alphabet goes?

ALL JOURNALISTS have their own system of fact-checking. Mine is quite simple and the most reliable of all. If I am doubtful of a fact, I print it unchecked. If it is right, I get away with it. If it is wrong, several readers will write to put me right.

In fact, they seem to enjoy putting me right, using such phrases as "I am surprised you didn't know that..." or "Honestly, Mr Kingston, I find it hard to believe you are unaware of the correct date of...". Thus I am educating myself and giving pleasure to readers at the same time.

Today I am going a little further than usual. Today I am actually going to plead for information. I have a collection of facts which is incomplete and I know of nowhere I can go for the missing information, nowhere like an encyclopae-

dia or dictionary. I doubt that I could consult the Internet, even were I able to. (Yes, much to the horror of people even older than myself, I am not yet properly hooked up to the Internet, and am in no hurry to be so.)

This all started the other day when I found myself saying to myself, "A for Ism, B for Lamb..." and stopped, wondering what I was saying. Then I remembered. It was the beginning of a quaint, joke alphabet taught to me by my father. The point of the alphabet was that it sounded as if it were a genuine alphabet, A for this, B for that. C for that and so on, but in fact it made use of pre-existing phrases and words to merely masquerade as an alphabet.

And now that I think of it, it didn't start "A for Ism". I think I made

that up. I think it started "Ay for Orses..."

Anyway, I never wrote it down, and I have never seen it written down, and now my father is dead, so it resides only in my memory, and before I forget any more of it, here is what I remember.

"Ay for Orses  
Beef or Lamb  
Cephus Salt  
Differential  
Eave a Brick  
Effervescence  
At this point my memory clouds over for G and H, and comes back in for I, and continues rather patchily thereafter..."

Ivor Novello  
Jaffa Oranges  
"El For Leather  
Emphasis  
Over the Rainbow



MILES KINGSTON  
What on earth is P for?  
There is a French jazz violinist called Pifarelli, but that is a bit obscure

Queue for Nylons  
Art a Mo  
Tea for Two

You've a Nerve  
Vive la France

That's it. That's about all I can remember. But there must have been a complete alphabet, because anyone who constructed such an ingenious series of definitions must have constructed all 26.

Mark you, one or two of them are a little dated (I have to explain "Queue for Nylons" to younger people) and one or two depend on slightly twisted pronunciations. "Jaffa Oranges" only works if you pronounce Jaffa as Jay-fer, and I rather suspect that the missing K was "Kafir something", with Kafir similarly mispronounced.

But what can the others have been? Periodically I go through this litany in my head, hoping that the routine will trick my mind into producing the missing ones, but

whenever I get to G and N I go blank. "Geefa"? "Gee far"? "Enfa"? "En far"?

I feel a bit sorry about "El for leather", which seems the only possible solution to L, but which is a bit torpedoed by the fact that L really is for leather.

But I am even sorer about the ones I can't remember. What on earth is P for? There is a French jazz violinist called Pifarelli, but I think that is a bit obscure. And what about W? And X and Y and Z...?

Hold on, hold on. The mists of time have parted slightly and a voice is trying to tell me that Y is for Bath. Wife of Bath... Y for Bath... Yes, they sound pretty identical. Yes, I like Wife of Bath... But what about Z? "Zed for"? Zephyr, perhaps?

It is just possible, I suppose, that

S might be for Foetida, as in "Asa Foetida", but I have never heard anyone say asafetida, only seen it written down, so I have no idea how it is pronounced.

In fact, I am not sure I have remembered correctly all the ones my father taught me. Did he really say "Over the Rainbow" or was it "O for a Muse of Fire"? Did he really say "Ivor Novello" or was it "I've a Funny Feeling..."?

Enough. This is a shameful appeal for information from readers. If you know any of the missing items, please tell me, so I can bring you the full and complete alphabet in turn. If I have got any wrong, please tell me.

If there is a website on the Internet listing all known odd alphabets, please don't tell me. I might be severely tempted to find it.







RIGHT  
OF REPLY

J M AMIR

The Malaysian High Commissioner replies to Anwar Ibrahim's criticisms of the Malaysian Government

ANWAR IBRAHIM'S article is a desperate attempt to cast aspersions on the integrity of the Malaysian Government and its Prime Minister. He was dismissed from office on account of his alleged misuse of power and sexual misconduct, offences that call for indictment. It would, therefore, be very misleading to imply that his arrest is politically motivated. He was arrested on 20 September 1998, under the Internal Security Act because he had acted, in a manner prejudicial to the security of Malaysia, by instigating the people who attended his gathering to go against the democratically-elected government. Anwar Ibrahim was released unconditionally from ISA detention on 14 October 1998, but he continues to be remanded in custody pending his trial, since he was not allowed bail on the grounds that he might tamper with witnesses relating to his charge, if released. The trial itself is already well into its 33rd day today. In Malaysia, trials have always been fair.

Malaysia has respectable legal and judicial procedures in place that are independent of the executive. The many prominent lawyers enlisted to defend Anwar Ibrahim in court give credence to the openness and fairness of the judicial system. The trial is not about power, but truth. We would also wish to mention that the Malaysian press discharged its responsibilities in a balanced manner, not merely to serve the interests of one man. The foreign media accuses the Malaysian government of controlling the press, but the foreign media is doing the same - it has hardly given the Malaysian government's side an airing. Malaysia has always allowed dissent and there has always been a group of vocal oppositionists in Parliament, ever since 1955.

Until his dismissal, Anwar Ibrahim was a senior member of the Cabinet, which decides on measures necessary for the economic recovery of the country. He was party to all policy decisions of the National Economic Recovery Plan (NERP), which was unanimously endorsed by the Malaysian Cabinet in July 1998. The NERP itself was arrived at by consensus, after thorough discussion by prominent people from the relevant bodies in Malaysia.

It is, therefore, a falsehood for anyone to suggest that PM Mahatir Mohamad is the sole architect of Malaysia's economic programmes. We Malaysians believe that the NERP is putting the country on the right course.

## We'll be knock-kneed with sexual exhaustion

TERENCE  
BLACKER

*The end of the millennium will be, to all but the most libidinally challenged, a sexual wake-up call*

While some of these processes are already taking place - prisoners being released throughout Northern Ireland, the former paymaster-general throwing money at any political colleague who is short of a bob or two - the problem facing us is simple: it's all going to get a lot worse over the next 12 months.

The new honesty between husbands and wives concerning past and present infidelities, for example, may be thought to be a healthy development in this age of apology, but already it has posed a problem in some marriages. Sociologists estimate that a small but significant proportion of married couples - perhaps as high as 12 per cent - are still being faithful to one another on a regular basis, and therefore have nothing to confess.

This is likely to change over the coming year. The end of a millennium is a powerful social reminder of the passing of time and the inevitability of death which will act, to all but the most libidinally challenged, as a sexual wake-up call. Like a group of animals under severe stress, or like pilots due to fly into action on the morrow, we shall experience a powerful, all-embracing urge to mate with virtually anyone. Noting the universal contagion of fast, angry, tearful sex between strangers, trivial-minded journalists may, from force of habit, describe this social process as

"casual sex". This is to miss the point completely: the more meaningless the chance encounters they experience, the more meaningful they will be to the participants.

The usual *Daily Mail* columnists will bleat and bray about the decline in moral standards, resisting for as long as possible the demands of their own lower natures, before they inevitably succumb in a messy, psychologically complex way. Many will follow the example of the famous blood-and-thunder moralist who this year was revealed to enjoy being put across his mistress's lap and spanked with a deluxe leather-bound edition of the *St James Bible*. We can expect exceptional sales of the Holy Book during 1999.

Yet, as we become increasingly obsessed with sensual pleasure (the feverish, decadent obsession with food is likely to tighten its grip on the television schedules), a great spiritual yearning will also become evident. It will be the year of the public therapist. Bishops will do a lot of talking, and may even be taken seriously on occasions. Creative

artists will become moral and spiritual arbiters. Politicians and journalists will be replaced on *Question Time* by the new heroes of the age: Beryl Bainbridge, Pam Ayres, Robbie Williams and Sir David Hare. The new poet laureate, Andrew Motion will become a regular guest for Anna Raeburn's share-your-pain phone-in on Talk Radio, dispensing gentle, and occasionally lyrical, views on matters of commitment, kids and co-dependency.

Because, as is already becoming clear, we have entered an age in which thought has surrendered the field to feeling. The new taboo, replacing sex (now regarded as a banal, everyday appetite to which we all have a right), is caring and compassion, about which no commentator or satirist will dare to joke. The past year has shown how any memoir treating illness or suffering in a frank, autobiographical manner, will be praised as a masterpiece by critics terrified to be thought heartless. Such will be the new addiction to sentiment that, in the coming months, an Insensitivity Act will be

amended to Jack Straw's Crime and Disorder Bill and announced in the Queen's Speech, during which Her Majesty will break down. Budget Day will be delayed because the Chancellor is feeling depressed, and in the autumn, a talented and charismatic five-year-old from Hackney will be appointed the new Minister for Children and Animals. This time next year, the Christmas hit will be *What Was My Name Again*, a number sung by Alzheimer sufferers, backed by a choir of primary schoolchildren, and arranged by Sir Paul McCartney.

I can see that the later stages of our global crack-up may not appeal to everyone, but the advice of pundits is that to fight these pre-millennial impulses is like trying to resist history. Remember that, at this time next year, as we face the next 1,000 years, bloated, tearful, knock-kneed with sexual exhaustion, our prisons groaning with those who have not cared enough, the feverish nightmare of our breakdown will be almost over, and that normal life will soon resume once more.

## Having scuppered the inspectors, let's not fail the Iraqi opposition



**JULIE FLINT**  
*A new policy is needed if Saddam is not to re-arm behind a charade of watered-down inspections*

ONCE AGAIN, bombing Iraq has resulted not in the humbling of Saddam Hussein but in new challenges to the US and British rump of the Allied forces who went to war against him in 1990.

Bloodied but not bowed, Saddam is no longer challenging just the weapons inspectors of the United Nations Special Commission (Unscm), but the no-fly zones patrolled by British and American planes in Northern and Southern Iraq.

Almost three months after the US Congress passed the Iraq Liberation Act, endorsing the Iraqi opposition with \$99m (£61m), including \$97m for arms and training, Saddam is obsessed by the fear of a Western-backed uprising in Iraq. Unscm no longer poses a real threat to his regime: long weakened by divisions within the Security Council, the inspectors' only route back to Baghdad after Operation Desert Fox lies in political compromise that will fatally undercut their ability to operate. But the Iraq Liberation Act could activate the latent opposition to Saddam's hated regime, and bring about a replay of the popular uprising of 1991 - backed this time by organisation and no-fly zones able to enforce a military exclusion zone from the air.

Nowhere is Saddam's concern more apparent than in the Baghdad press, which incessantly warns of the dangers of partition, and in his effort to rally the Arab states to demand an end to Western intrusion. In the days since Desert Fox ended, Saddam has used every contact he has in the Arab world to put pressure on pro-Western Arab governments. The United Arab Emirates has called for an Arab summit. There have been demonstrations from Egypt and Morocco to Syria.

But under his bluster Saddam knows that anti-aircraft fire will not demolish the no-fly zones. His only hope lies in continuing the tension,

in provoking the United States and Britain into further acts of "aggression" like yesterday's American attack on his air defence sites.

On the other side, however, Washington's commitment to liberating Iraq appears limited by the fiction that Unscm can still be an effective weapon. Tony Blair has even held out hope of "a new and better regime". After the bombing, the pretence - not only that Unscm may survive Desert Fox, but that it may emerge strengthened, to continue its search for weapons of mass destruction. The view from Unscm is very different. Even before Iraq asserted that Desert Fox had "killed Unscm", the mood among weapons inspectors was grim.

"We are the slunk at the garden party, because we continue to demonstrate that Iraq has not done what it has to do," says a senior Unscm official. "We have made the Security Council's policy look ineffectual and (Secretary General) Kofi Annan's agreement with Iraq look useless. All the Council wants to do is pat itself on the back and boast about its contribution to world peace. Ditto for the 38th floor [where the Secretary General has his offices]. I don't rule out that we will be back doing work in Iraq in some fashion. But what passes for a brains trust on the 38th floor is not going to make us more effective."

In the past seven years, Unscm has destroyed much of Saddam's weaponry. But Iraq has yet to give a full accounting of its production of VX gas, the most toxic nerve gas in its possession, and still has to define the full scope of its biological warfare programme. Only last year, a full six years into an inspection meant to last only a few weeks, a British inspector discovered that Iraq was close to weaponising ricin - a lethal plant toxin previously known only as a weapon of assassination.

The same inspector believes that much more remains to be discovered. "We still don't know all the people involved in the BW programme - we haven't even identified the head of the programme - and I for one believe we have only seen a slice of it. In all its other weapons programmes, Iraq has followed multiple routes with multiple teams. We can't prove it's the same with BW, but we're worried."

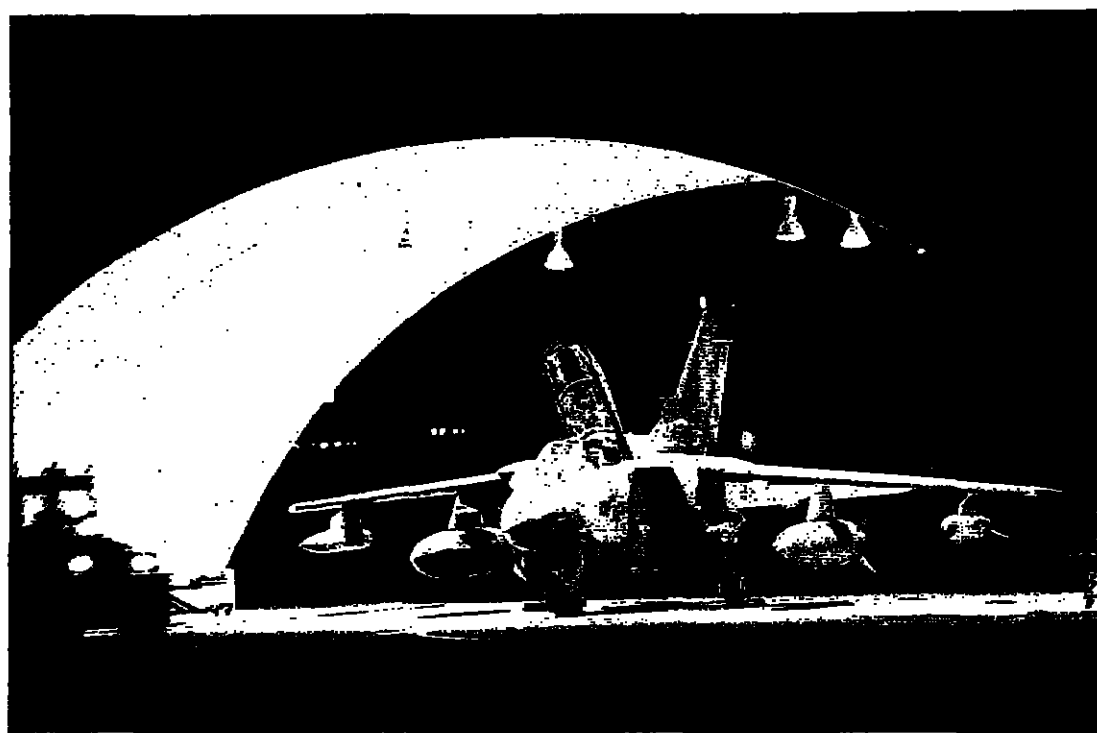
But not worried enough, in the opinion of some. The opposition Iraqi National Congress claims that Iraq is also continuing work on its

nuclear programme, importing significant quantities of heavy metals like titanium through Dubai and despatching agents across the former Soviet Union in search of fissile material for four implosion bombs believed to have been assembled.

But rather than remind the big five of the fundamentals agreed on in 1991 - the need to find and destroy all Saddam's weapons of mass destruction, and then to put in place a monitoring regime - the Secretary General is seeking to make Unscm more politically acceptable. Consideration is being given to placing its component parts in other UN bodies such as the International Atomic Energy Agency (whose inspectors gave Iraq a clean bill of health even as it was developing a vast A-bomb programme) and the Organisation

for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons - monitoring agencies which lack Unscm's robustness and investigative powers. The Unscm inspectors are in no doubt as to what this would mean. "The bombing has set Unscm back eight years," says one source. "Dilute it any more and it would be dangerous." Given the disarray in the Security Council, any future inspection regime can only be a pale imitation of the regime that existed before Desert Fox.

The international community's best effort to render Saddam Hussein harmless has failed, and a radically new policy direction is needed if Saddam is not to hide - and re-arm - behind a charade of watered-down inspections. Barring a miracle in the Security Council, that



An RAF Tornado in Kuwait being prepared for action

Andy Stenning

policy can only be to support the Iraqi National Congress - the most serious attempt since the Gulf war to establish an all-Iraqi opposition movement to overthrow Saddam.

Badly weakened by Allied indecision as well as by its own internal tensions, the INC has made major strides in recent months towards reconstructing the consensus that existed after the Gulf war. It has also drawn up a plan of military action with the help of retired General Wayne Downing who, as commander of US Special Forces until 1996, harassed Saddam's Scud launches in the Gulf war and restricted his operations in the Western desert.

Supporting the INC is not without its dangers. But the Allies have failed Unscm. They must now fail the opposition.

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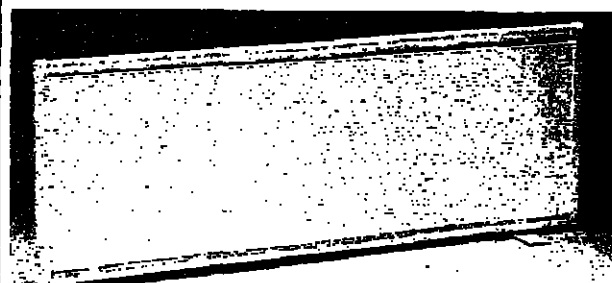
AFICIONADOS OF West Indian cricket have long regretted the departure from the team of evocatively named Floyd Reifer. However, they are now delighted by the appearance of a new name on the team sheet: Darren Ganga. He batted in 94 runs against South Africa on Boxing Day. Truly smokin'!

ACTRESS MEG RYAN seems to be having a bit of difficulty combining her "girl next door" image with her Hollywood megastar status. Not content with a series of cloyingly cute romantic comedy roles, she is very keen to portray the suicidal poetess Sylvia Plath on screen (as reported by Pandora on 14 May). Most recently, Meg gave an interview in which she was asked if it was difficult to maintain an ordinary lifestyle when, in fact, you were a major celebrity. "Honestly? No," Meg gushed, then recounted her most recent family holiday - at a resort in Java. "It was unbelievable. There was a

waterfall that took forever to get to and wild pigs running around." Ryan earned \$10.5m for her last film appearance and lives on a ranch in Montana with its own go-kart track.

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## PANDORA

WITH THE sudden departure of Peter Mandelson, his chief strategist in the Cabinet, Tony Blair must regard the next 12 months with some trepidation. What should he choose as his New Year's resolution? While he sits on the beach in the Seychelles, still reeling from all the New Labour "outings" and financial disclosures of the past few months, the hot tropical sun beating down on his milky brow, how can Tony possibly make this important decision alone? Fortunately, Pandora is willing to come to the Prime Minister's assistance. Readers are invited to send, fax or telephone this diary their suggestions for Tony's New Year's resolution by noon on Thursday. Pandora will then forward them all to Downing Street in time to be communicated to the Prime Minister before midnight, Seychelles time. And for the originator of the resolution that Pandora thinks most befitting: a bottle of delicious Orkney Islands malt whisky.

JANET STREET PORTER and Ann Widdecombe MP comprise the main "attractions" of a very sobering evening entitled "Alcohol and School: Why every child should get it" to be held in

April at the ICA. The discussion is one of a series of events organised by the Portman Group. It will no doubt be an enlightening occasion as Janet is no stranger to the dangers of alcohol: she had a glass of champagne thrown at her earlier this year at the Groucho. Tony Ann Widdecombe is no stranger to the "wet and dry" dialogue either. And don't be surprised by the invitation's promise of "drinks and canapes". After all, the Portman Group is sponsored by the drinks industry.

THE EBULLIENT society hostess, Carla Powell, was quick off the mark to support her friend Peter Mandelson, describing him as a veritable puritan, the Stakhanovite equal to Magie Thatcher, boss to her husband Sir Charles Powell, in *The Sunday Telegraph*. That was not quite her view of New Labour when she offered the *New Statesman* an article only two weeks ago. Then she rallied against the "increasing ease with which those of mediocre talents rise to the top by virtue of their flexible principles and capacity for self-promotion."

And what happened to those most prescient of observations?

She called up, according to the *New Statesman*, to say that her husband (whose brother, Jonathan, is Tony Blair's chief of staff) thought it impolitic.

AFICIONADOS OF West Indian cricket have long regretted the departure from the team of evocatively named Floyd Reifer. However, they are now delighted by the appearance of a new name on the team sheet: Darren Ganga. He batted in 94 runs against South Africa on Boxing Day. Truly smokin'!

ACTRESS MEG RYAN seems to be having a bit of difficulty combining her "girl next door" image with her Hollywood megastar status. Not content with a series of cloyingly cute romantic comedy roles, she is very keen to portray the suicidal poetess Sylvia Plath on screen (as reported by Pandora on 14 May). Most recently, Meg gave an interview in which she was asked if it was difficult to maintain an ordinary lifestyle when, in fact, you were a major celebrity. "Honestly? No," Meg gushed, then recounted her most recent family holiday - at a resort in Java. "It was unbelievable. There was a



# Irene Hervey

A DIMPLED beauty, Irene Hervey was a popular film performer of the 1930s and early 1940s who starred with her husband Allan Jones in *The Boys From Syracuse*. Their son, Jack Jones, is the popular singer, and though Hervey's films included such classics as *The Count of Monte Cristo* with Robert Donat, and *Destry Rides Again*, in which she won the hero James Stewart, she is now more remembered for her extensive later work in television, and as Jack Jones's mother.

The daughter of a sign painter, Hervey was born Irene Herwick in Los Angeles in 1910. She married a musician while still in her teens, and four years later was a young divorcee with a baby girl to support. A friend introduced her to a casting agent at MGM, who suggested she train as an actress after which he would arrange a screen test.

Hervey's mother was a practitioner of Christian Science, and one of her pupils was the veteran actress Emma Dunn, who agreed to become the girl's coach. A successful screen test at MGM ensued, and Hervey made her film debut in King Vidor's drama *The Stranger's Return* (1933), playing the wife of an Iowa farmer, Franchot Tone. She also played a small role in *Hollywood Party* (1933), and was featured in two Pete Smith shorts, *Attention Seekers* and *Taking Care of Baby* (both 1934).

In the *Crime Does Not Pay* two-reeler *A Thrill for Theima* (1935), she starred as a young girl who tries the easy route to a life of luxury and ends up in prison, but Hervey spent most of her time on loan to other studios, including Fox, Paramount, United Artists, Columbia and Monogram. At Fox, she played the female lead in *Charlie Chan in Shanghai* (1935), one of the best of that excellent series, in which the detective used her powder-puff to disclose finger-prints on a gun.

At MGM, she became briefly engaged to their rising young star Robert Taylor. Both the studio and Taylor's possessive mother disap-

proved, feeling marriage would be bad for the actor's career, but Hervey later stated that it was the actor's "impossible jealousy" that caused their romance to end. Shortly afterwards, at a party given by the director Raoul Walsh, Hervey met Allan Jones. "By the end of the evening," stated Hervey, "we had become entranced with each other." Jones's first wife, Marjorie Buell, received her divorce from him on 25 July 1936, and the very next day Jones and Hervey were married. Their son John Allan (later known as Jack Jones) was born in 1938.

Hervey asked for her release from MGM shortly after her marriage, and she was then signed by Universal, where her husband was under contract. Her first film for the studio, *The Lady Fights Back* (1937),

*A beautiful combination of delicately aristocratic poise and ease'*

a B movie in which Hervey and dam-builder Kent Taylor fight to preserve local salmon ecology, set the pattern for most of the material given to her. Though the studio kept the actress busy with approximately seven films a year, most of them were minor films, her best roles being in the Bing Crosby musical *East Side of Heaven* (1939), in Joe May's atmospheric whodunnit *House of Fear* (1939) and as the upright girl who (though somewhat colourless compared to the saloon singer Marlene Dietrich) wins the sheriff (James Stewart) in George Marshall's classic western *Destry Rides Again* (1939).

In the studio's very free adaptation of the Rodgers and Hart stage

hit *The Boys From Syracuse* (1940), Hervey was featured with her husband Allan Jones and sang the lovely "Falling in Love With Love", one of the few songs retained from the stage score. Less prestigious films in which she starred included *Mr Dynamite* (1940), pursuing Nazi saboteurs with Lloyd Nolan, *Bombay Clipper* (1942), helping the reporter William Gargan uncover a gang of international crooks, *Frisco I.I.* (1942), as a croupier working to clear her father of a murder charge, and the bizarre thriller *Night Monster* (1942).

The syndicated columnist Jack O'Brien described Hervey as "a beautiful combination of delicately, naturally aristocratic poise and ease", and critics compared her to Myrna Loy, but the studio seemed unwilling to give her a major opportunity. The actress herself said that she was never ambitious, and announced upon her marriage to Jones that her family would always come "first and foremost". (Jones legally adopted Hervey's daughter Gail.)

In 1943 Hervey was seriously injured in a car crash, which led to an enforced retirement for five years. She returned to films (and Universal) to play the wife of William Powell in the comedy *Mr Peabody and the Mermaid* (1948), and displayed elegant sophistication in occasional character roles in such films as *Chicago Deadline* (1949) with Alan Ladd, and *Manhandled* (1949), Lewis Foster's intriguing thriller with starts with Hervey's apparent murder by her husband - it transpires that we are witnessing the husband's recurring dream.

Hervey and Jones were divorced in 1957, by which time Hervey had become a prolific performer on television. She acted in such prestigious live shows as *Studio One*, *Playhouse 90* and *Matinee Theatre*, and was a guest star on *Perry Mason*, *Burke's Law*, *Burns and Allen*, *Doctor Kildare* and *Ironsides*. For several seasons she had an ongoing role in the soap opera *The Young Marrieds*, in



Hervey and Allan Jones in *The Boys from Syracuse*, 1940. Kobal

1965 she played a regular role on the series *Honey West* as the detective heroine's tough Aunt Meg, and in 1969 was nominated for an Emmy Award for her performance in an episode of *My Three Sons*. Her last screen role was in Clint Eastwood's powerful thriller *Play Misty For Me* (1971), as a wealthy San Franciscan who offers the disc-jockey Eastwood a job in network radio.

Still slender and elegant, with a stylish grey coiffure, she was given a position with the Valley Oaks Travel Agency in Sherman Oaks, California, and enjoyed taking advantage of the free travel her job offered, flying to attend her son's night club openings all over the world. Both her

children had made her a grandmother. Though she stated at the time of her divorce that she would doubtless remarry, Joan Hervey never did. "To my surprise," she said in 1987, "I discovered solitude, something I had never experienced. I found it very much to my liking. And my children are very close, both in physical distance and in the even more important sense. I am greatly blessed and very grateful."

TOM VALLANCE

*Irene Herwick (Irene Hervey), actress: born Los Angeles 11 July 1910; twice married (one son, one daughter); died Los Angeles 20 December 1998.*

# Jack Hilton

JACK HILTON had a distinguished playing career for Wigan and Great Britain, but undoubtedly made a bigger impact on the history of Britain's most successful rugby league club long after he had retired.

He was already a long-serving member of the large and unwieldy Wigan board of directors - indeed he was taking his turn as chairman - when the club was turned upside down by a boardroom coup in 1982. Three relatively new directors - Maurice Lindsay, Jack Robinson and Tom Rathbone - wanted to reverse the club's decline by effectively taking it over, getting rid of the rest of the board and running the operation on what they regarded as a properly businesslike basis.

Hilton was an unlikely revolutionary, but his vision of the potential of the club was sufficiently similar for him to throw his lot in with the radicals. Although he ran a string of sports shops, Hilton admitted from the start that he did not have much spare money to invest, but the others saw the advantages of having him on board.

Unlike them, he was an ex-Wigan player and, according to Lindsay's recollection, "being well-known and respected in town was able to provide a friendly face for the revolution". Or, as Robinson puts it: "He made the four of us a good blend." So the Gang of Three became the Gang of Four, with Hilton included among the new directors for a "cut-price" £10,000 whilst six other members of the old board were unceremoniously dropped in rugby league's version of the Night of the Long Knives.

Hilton provided continuity and respectability by remaining as chairman and diluting the impression that the club was being appropriated by flash arrivistes. Lindsay and, to a lesser extent Robinson, were the driving forces and Rathbone provided much of the finance, but there was more to Hilton's role than that of a mere figurehead.

Lindsay has referred to the value of Hilton's "quiet wisdom" and the

way that, unlike many ex-players, he was not consumed by nostalgia for the past, preferring to concentrate on what could be achieved in the future. That turned out to be beyond anyone's wildest dreams. Starting with the John Player Trophy in 1983 - their first trophy for 12 years - Wigan embarked on a campaign of collecting silverware that saw them dominate the British game to an almost unhealthy extent for over a decade. Hilton took his turns leading the team out at Wembley, but most of the time he remained a quiet, dignified presence in the background, looking on benignly whilst his beloved club demolished all comers.

Hilton handed over the chairmanship to Lindsay in 1987, but remained on the board until 1998, when he resigned in protest against plans to sell the Central Park ground, after completing more than half a century of involvement with his home-town club.

Although he first played professionally for Salford, he had joined Wigan as a young winger after being wounded by shrapnel in the wrist and thigh in North Africa during the Second World War. He was a regular in Wigan's excellent post-war side until 1953, when he took over as sprint coach. His Wigan career saw him score a prolific 122 tries in his 137 appearances, including a hat-trick or better on no less than 13 occasions.

His most memorable year was 1950, when he was one of eight Wigan players selected to tour Australia and New Zealand. He played two Tests for Great Britain in each country - the sum total of his international career - but the most remarkable fact is that Wigan still managed to win the championship final after more than half their team had departed on tour.

DAVE HADFIELD

*Jack Hilton, rugby league player and administrator: born Wigan 2 May 1921; married 1947 Olive Smith (one son); died Wigan 22 December 1998.*

# Cathal Goulding



'Defeat imperialism and capitalism in all of Ireland'

THE DUBLIN playwright Brendan Behan once quipped that at IRA meetings the first item on the agenda was very often "the split". The remark, though meant to raise a smile, aptly sums up much of the career of Cathal Goulding, Behan's old IRA colleague.

Goulding's career included many years as IRA chief of staff, many more seeking to break into politics, and an exotic love-life which included having a son by Behan's widow.

He played a crucial role in Republicanism at the time of the birth of the Provisional IRA in 1969-70. He failed to persuade the hard-faced men of Belfast to follow him into Marxism, watching powerlessly as they instead marched off to fight the war which has cost so many lives in the last three decades.

The course of his career says much of how Republicanism has changed in the last half-century. In 1953 he found himself in a Hertfordshire dock together with the Republican Sean MacStiofain, with whom he later split, getting eight years for stealing a van-load of rifles. MacStiofain recalled: "Without

retiring, the jury found us guilty in a record 90 seconds by the simple procedure of turning to each other and nodding their heads." Even by that stage Goulding was an IRA veteran, he and Behan having joined in the 1930s as schoolboys in short trousers.

The Republican tradition had run for generations in the Dublin working-class Goulding family, his father and grandfather both having rebelled for Ireland. Cathal made his living as a painter and decorator, though it was a career interrupted by a total of 16 years spent in British and Irish jails.

His Hertfordshire escapade meant that he missed most of the IRA's disastrous "border campaign" in the late 1950s and 1960s, which ignominiously fizzled out in the face of overwhelming nationalist apathy. When, in the early 1960s, he became IRA chief of staff, he was leader of an organisation which barely existed.

For Ireland, however, the 1960s were a time of great modernisation and the challenging of long-accepted ideas, and the IRA itself changed. Goulding, linking up with left-wing

intellectuals, became attracted to Marxism and concluded it was time to broaden Republicanism's horizons.

Socialism and internationalism, which had always been strains within Republicanism, were elevated above gelligite and the Thompson

wrote in their book *The Provisional IRA* (1987):

In 1969 Goulding was often to be found in the fashionable bars around St Stephen's Green, drinking with writers, musicians and painters, a recognised feature of Dublin bohemia.

His revolutionary style at that time was closer to Berkeley campus and the Rive Gauche than the bogs and backstreets where the IRA tradition was rooted. Critics of his leadership invariably portrayed him as a good but easily influenced man fallen among Marxist highbrows.

The pubs of Dublin were a world away from the grim sectarian realities of Belfast, where August 1969 brought hand-to-hand fighting in the backstreets and the first deaths of the Troubles. Northern Republicans claimed that Goulding had fiddled while Belfast burned, and that what they needed was guns and not quixotic dreams of uniting Catholic and Protestant workers in a new utopia.

It was not long before traditionalists like MacStiofain broke away to form the Provisional IRA and Provisional Sinn Féin, leaving Goulding in charge of a much-depleted organisation which became known as

the Official IRA. The Provisionals went on to dominate Republicanism in the north.

Goulding was left with most of the ideas but little of the manpower. He may have been hoping for broad left alliances and a steady move away from the gun and into politics but in the north many of his men were opening fire on soldiers and the RUC. He found himself giving graveside orations over the coffins of Official IRA volunteers, often threatening retaliation for their deaths.

The Official IRA's most spectacular act of violence was also its most inept. This was the attack on the Parachute Regiment's Aldershot headquarters within weeks of "Bloody Sunday" in 1972, when paratroopers had shot dead 14 people in Londonderry. The seven people killed at Aldershot were six members of the domestic staff and a Catholic padre.

During the 1970s the Officials (or "Stickies" as they were nicknamed) killed about 50 people and had around 40 of their members and supporters killed in return. Many of the casualties were caused by out-

breaks of vicious feuding with the IRA and other republican groups.

The Official IRA remains in existence, though today it is not so much an openly active terrorist organisation as an armed gang surreptitiously involved in running pubs, clubs and other business enterprises.

In the south of Ireland Cathal Goulding and others moved towards more conventional political activity and the political mainstream. But again there were splits and again he ended up in the smaller faction, so that as his life ended he was attached to a tiny grouping.

His career thus began in the IRA at a time when it was an essentially inconsequential grouping, and ended in a politically inconsequential party. In between, however, he was witness to some formative events with historic consequences for all of Ireland.

DAVID MCKITTRICK

*Cathal Goulding, political activist: born Dublin 30 December 1922; married (four sons); died Dublin 26 December 1998.*

## GAZETTE

### BIRTHS, MARRIAGES & DEATHS

#### BIRTHS

BAILEY: To Delyse and Brian on 28 December at Warrington, a son, Alastair James.

#### DEATHS

KAUFMAN: Dr Solomon (Sullivany) died on 25 December 1998 at home, aged 90, after a long illness courageously borne. Deeply mourned by his children Jonathan and Laura, his entire family and numerous friends and colleagues. Funeral private, memorial service to be announced later.

ANNOUNCEMENTS are charged at 50p a line (VAT extra).

#### CHANGING OF THE GUARD

The Household Cavalry Mounted Regiment mounts the Queen's Life Guard at Horse Guards, 11am.

#### BIRTHDAYS

June, Marchioness of Aberdeen and Temair, musical director and conductor, 85; Mr Andrew Bache, ambassador to Denmark, 59; Sir Richard Beaumont, former diplomat, 86; Lord Beaverbrook, former Chairman, Beaverbrook Foundation, 47; Mr John Connell, former chairman, Distillers Co, 74; Mr Bernard Cribbins, actor, 70; Baroness Deanton of Wakefield, former government minister, 63; Miss Marianne Faithfull, singer and actress, 52; General Sir Robert Ford, former Governor, Royal Hospital, Chelsea, 75; Mr David Hall, former Chief Constable of Humberside, 68; Sir Simon Hornby, President, Royal Horticultural Society, 64; Mr Terry Lewis MP, 63; Miss Mary Tyler Moore, actress, 61; Mr Martin Offiah, Rugby League international, 32; Mr Iain Paxton, rugby player, 41; Mr Peter Robinson MP, 50; Mr Alan Rusbridger, Editor, *The Guardian*, 45; The Right Rev Mark Santer,

#### ANNIVERSARIES

Bishop of Birmingham, 52; Sir Kenneth Sharp, chartered accountant, 72; Mr Harvey Smith, show-jumper, 60; Mr Mark Todd MP, 44; Mr Jon Voight, actor, 60; Sir Edward Stratten Williams QC, former judge, 77.

Deaths: Charles Macintosh, chemist and inventor of waterproof clothing, 1766; William Ewart Gladstone, statesman, 1809; Vera Mary Brittain, author, pacifist and feminist, 1893; Klaus Emil Julius Fuchs, spy, 1911.

Deaths: St Thomas a Becket, murdered 1170; Christina Georgina Rossetti, poet, 1894; Rainer Maria Rilke, poet, 1926; The Earl of Stockton (Harold Macmillan), statesman, 1986. On this day: Radio Luxembourg started operating, 1930; the City of London was the subject of a fire-bomb raid, 1940. Today is the Feast Day of St Ebrulf or Eyvolf, St Marcellus Akimenes, St Thomas of Canterbury and St Trophimus of Arles.

## The riddle in the words of incarnation

It is the same God that said "Let there be light out of darkness" who has shone in our minds to radiate the light of the knowledge of God's glory, the glory of the face of Christ (2 Corinthians iv, 6)

### MEANINGS OF CHRISTMAS

MARGARET ATKINS

*When God became man it was not in the manner which the Jews were expecting. The problems it threw up are no less tricky for us today*

THE WRITERS of the New Testament were good Jews. They knew that they must not worship idols, lesser "gods" dressed up in the form of animals or human beings. But Jesus posed a problem for them. The only words that seemed to do justice to him came from the Old Testament's descriptions of God. So the first Christians rarely called Jesus "God" directly. But again and again they talked of him in language traditionally reserved for God: as Word or Wisdom, as Saviour, as Judge, as Lord. It was as if they were saying not directly, "This man is God", but rather indirectly, "Here, in the space filled by Jesus, is a space filled completely by God."

Why did they hesitate to speak directly? Today too, some Christians are reluctant to call Jesus "God". The reason, however, is because they are frightened to water down his humanity. We know that Jesus was a real human being, made of flesh and blood like the rest of us. If we call him "divine" we risk turning him into a sort of super-man, or a demi-God, only superficially human. That, quite rightly, is not the sort of thing we believe in nowadays.

The early Jewish Christians hesitated too, but for a different reason. They were afraid, instead, of compromising the divinity of God. God was not

a thing, a created object, but the source of all created things. God could not be limited by time and place. He could not be touched or harmed or changed. He was too holy even to name out loud. Was it too blasphemous to identify almighty God with a mere human being? Yet they found themselves doing just that.

This was not what they had expected of the Messiah. They had been waiting for an inspired prophet, or a powerful king. They received instead someone who pushed their religious language to its limit. They received a man with whom God identified himself. The intangible God allowed himself to be touched, the invisible God allowed himself to be seen, here, in this man Jesus.

But, if this was not what the Jews expected, Christians believe it was the definitive answer to all the half-formed hopes and longings of the Chosen

People. Yet it was the answer not only for the Jews, but also for the dreamers of all the strange religions that the Jews had despised. And it was an answer that was shockingly concrete. The poet Elizabeth Jennings puts it beautifully in her "Meditation on the Nativity":

All gods and goddesses, all looked up to And argued with and threatened... They disappear In fables coming true.

In acts so simple that we are amazed - A woman and a child... Placating prophets talked but here are truths

All men have only praised

Before in dreams. Lost legends here are pressed Not on to paper but in flesh and blood, A promise kept...

Painters' perceptions, visionaries' long Torments and silence, blossom here and speak

Listen, our murmurs are a cradle-song.

This was how God kept His promise. He gathered up our fears and our fantasies and replaced them with something simple and solid. This is what God looks like now: a sucking baby, a carpenter sharing a meal with an outcast, a criminal hanging on a cross. This was not what we expected: yet somehow it satisfies: "Here are truths all men have only praised before in dreams."

The whole point is that He was simply a man. The Christians who are afraid of compromising Jesus's humanity are right. God did not identify Himself with one of the anthropomorphic gods or super-heroes of the Homeric myths. God identified Him-

self with an ordinary human being, exceptional only in that he was flawlessly human. In giving us an image of Himself, God also showed us what we ourselves should and could be like.

On the other hand, the Jewish Christians were right. It would have been wrong for us to take upon ourselves the identifying of God with a mere human being. If now we dare to do that, it can only be because God did it first. God has allowed us to use language about this man. God has encouraged us to trust that where we see Jesus, we see God.

In the passage with which I began, St Paul recalls the Old Testament story of Moses coming down from Mount Sinai after speaking with the Lord. His face shone so brightly with God's glory that the Israelites could not bear to look at it. Yet, St Paul argued, that glory inevitably faded. Now, however, God has allowed Christians to see that same glory in Christ, the image of God.

Paul's language is daring. Yet it is also circumspect: we do not see God directly; we see the light of His glory reflected in Christ's face. This time, the glory does not fade: the gift has been given in permanent and concrete form. The legends have become a biography; and the visionary artists paint the everyday human scenes of childbirth, of a meal, of a death. God has allowed Himself to be defined in a mortal life. We see His glory in a human face.

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# HEALTH

In our rat-race society a good night's rest is regarded as wimpish. But such an attitude can be fatal. By Liz Bestic

## Sleep perchance to do more

If you're feeling really smug for making your New Year's resolutions to cut out sugar and go to the gym three times a week, stop. Sleep researchers in the United States say that if you really want to improve the quality of your life, your best resolution for 1999 is to get more sleep.

"We are living in a sleep-deprived society and unless we redress the balance and take sleep seriously, society will suffer the consequences in lost hours at work and death on the roads," says Professor Jim Maas, author of *Miracle Sleep Cure*, that promises the key to a long life of peak performance. Maas says that in the past 20 years we have added about 158 hours to our annual working and commuting time - equal to a full month of working hours.

Ad young mothers with children have added an astonishing 241 hours to their work and commuting schedules since the 1960s. "We now live in a 24-hour society, a rat race where sleep is totally undervalued," says Maas. "With heavy demands of work, housework, parenting and family responsibilities, plus a need for life outside work, four out of five 10 of us are cutting back on sleep to gain time for other things which seem more important or interesting."

Maas believes that - not on are we making ourselves sick through lack of sleep - but were biologically ill prepared to function on minimal sleep, that our prehistoric genetic blueprint for sleep has not evolved fast enough to keep up with the pace of 20th-century society. "In this brave new world, people who sleep six hours or less are regarded as being tough, competitive and ambitious. But, if you dare to sleep, you need more sleep or, heaven forbid, you're tired, you're the risk of being seen as someone who lacks what it takes to be successful."

And yet all the research shows that people are chronically tired. Even a survey done in this country by Sleep Council researchers found 63 per cent of people are getting fewer hours sleep than five years ago. "The pace of life is becoming faster and harder, and the stresses and pressures of work are leading to longer working hours and disrupted sleep. If people are deprived of one or two hours of sleep every night over years and years of a lifetime - that takes its toll," says Maas.

But why does need all this sleep? Sure, if Margaret Thatcher could get by on four hours a night anyone can? But,

says Maas, research shows that humans are more likely to need an average of 10 hours a night. "In the sleep lab, people who average eight hours a night - who maintain they are fully alert during the day - and who then get an extra hour's sleep at night, find their productivity levels increase by 25 per cent. I'm not saying that everyone needs to get 10 hours a night, but if you go to bed just one hour earlier at night you will notice a significant difference," he says.

Sleep restores, rejuvenates and energises the body and brain. The third of your life that you spend asleep has profound effects on the other two thirds of your life in terms of alertness, energy, mood memory and performance. The brain tires itself out during waking hours and needs sleep to recover. People who - by choice or because of

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work, illness or force of circumstance - go without sleep for five to ten days become irrational, paranoid, confused and even hallucinatory.

Dr Adrian Williams - consultant physician at the sleep disorders centre at St Thomas's hospital and author of *Doctor I Can't Sleep* - believes that the Brits may be just as sleep deprived as their American counterparts. "We should be taking sleep deprivation much more seriously and getting people to understand the positive aspects of good quality sleep. People need to be aware that instead of doing things which interfere with sleep - such as smoking, drinking and taking stimulants - they should take time in the evening to wind down and go to bed earlier."

It is not just lack of sleep which causes daytime tiredness either. "Anyone who lives with a snoring partner will suffer from the same sort of sleep deprivation as the person not going to bed early enough," says Dr Williams. "However, you don't need to catch up on your sleep all in one go. There is a natural period of sleepiness in the afternoon when it is extremely easy to fall asleep. By taking a nap then you don't have

to have as much sleep at night."

The Americans have long been great proponents of "power napping". Indeed some US companies which have set up "nap rooms" claim to be reaping the rewards with a workforce that is more alert, has faster reaction times, and is better at problem solving, and these firms report increased creativity. Professor Maas recommends a power nap about eight hours after you get up. "Even just closing your eyes for 10 to 15 minutes can make all the difference to your performance for the rest of the day," he says.

So how can we tell if we are getting the right amount of sleep? US sleep researchers use the Multiple Sleep Latency Test (MSLT). The rationale behind the MSLT is that the more sleep starved you are, the faster you fall asleep during the day. To take the test you lie in a darkened room for 20 minutes, or until your brainwaves show you have entered light sleep - which ever is sooner. The test is done four or five times a day and an average score reached. If it takes 10 minutes or longer to fall asleep then there is no need to worry. Anything less indicates moderate sleep deprivation. Research shows that just an extra couple of hours of sleep at night can make you more alert.

According to Maas each of us maintains a personal sleep bank account. We need enough sleep in that account to be able to function properly during the day. "Most people need to deposit at least eight hours of sleep in their account to cancel the sleep debt incurred by 16 hours of continuous alertness," he says.

Maas maintains that by far the majority of us are significantly sleep deprived, yet remain totally ignorant of how much it affects our mood, performance and behaviour. "We feel alert when we are engaged in vigorous, interesting and challenging tasks. But it only takes a warm room or a dull meeting or lecture to send the truly sleep-deprived person dozing straight off," he says.

Perhaps the most severely affected of all sleep-deprived people are parents with new babies and toddlers. Sometimes their sleep debt seems insurmountable. "A new baby will result in 400 to 750 hours of sleep loss in the first year. Most parents of newborn babies are walking zombies, and it takes a couple of years to make good the sleep debt," says Maas.

Professor Jim Horne, director of Loughborough University's Sleep Lab remains sceptical about the American



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research. He argues that we can all function fine on between six and eight hours sleep a night. Indeed, he believes that if we sleep too much we get "sleep fat" - just as when we over eat we put on weight. But what he does agree on is napping. "Humans are designed for two sleeps a day - one at night,

and a small one in the afternoon. This explains why people in summer climates have an afternoon siesta and why the rest of us feel sleepy in the afternoon," he says.

"People who increase their night-time sleep find that their afternoon 'dip' disappears." In the meantime Professor Maas

is determined to spread the word out that we all need more sleep. "People say there are not enough hours in the day to take care of the kids, do the shopping, clean the house, have leisure time and go to work. I say that's baloney. If you meet your individual sleep requirement you will be more efficient, more effective, more dynamic and in such a better mood that you will take less time to do a lot more."

*'Miracle Sleep Cure' by James B Maas, Thorsons, £7.99. 'Doctor I Can't Sleep' by Dr Adrian Williams, Amberwood Publishing, £2.99.*

Colorific

## Espresso to insomnia

I have heard that both coffee and tea have caffeine in them. Why is it that coffee that keeps me awake at night?

A cup of coffee has about 75mg of caffeine and a cup of tea has about 30mg. Cola drinks fall in between coffee and tea, with about 50mg of caffeine. Caffeine is a stimulant, and its effect, like most drugs, depends on the dose. A cup of espresso can be very effective at ruining a good night's sleep by providing a whopping 50mg of caffeine. Recent research has revealed another, unexpected effect of too much caffeine. Pregnant women who have more than 150mg of caffeine a day are more likely to miscarry than those who have less than that amount, and more likely to have a baby who will be overweight at birth.

Because of developing arthritis I have started taking glucosamine. The recommended dose is 820mg a day. But I have heard that a dose of 200mg is more effective. Which is correct? There have been at least eight scientific studies of glucosamine over the last 20 years. Most of them have used doses of 1,500mg a day. The results of these show that glucosamine appears to be beneficial in reducing pain and tenderness in arthritic joints. Some of the

### A QUESTION OF HEALTH



DR FRED KAVALIER

studies have compared glucosamine with ibuprofen (a widely used painkiller available without prescription). These have shown the two drugs to be similar in their effectiveness for arthritis symptoms. There do not seem to be many reports of serious side effects from glucosamine, but some people do experience stomach pains, heartburn, diarrhoea and nausea. One possible problem with glucosamine is that it is sold as a food supplement, rather than a licensed drug, and so it is difficult to be certain about its purity.

What effect will a vasectomy have on a man's sexual enjoyment and performance? When a vasectomy is performed the tubes that carry sperm from

the testicles to the penis are cut, so no sperm is present in a man's semen after a vasectomy. (It may take several weeks for sperm to disappear from the semen, so it is important to have several semen analyses before relying on a vasectomy for contraception.) But the absence of sperm in the semen does not interfere with sexual enjoyment or performance. Semen is mostly made up of secretions from the prostate gland and seminal vesicles, and a vasectomy does not affect these secretions. So the amount of semen that is ejaculated is not reduced and the sensations of orgasm and ejaculation are not impaired. Once the discomfort of the vasectomy operation is over, sexual performance and enjoyment should return to normal levels. Indeed, some men find that sex is better after a vasectomy because the risk of pregnancy is removed. The risk of passing on or catching sexually-transmitted diseases, however, is not affected by a vasectomy.

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## Fighting social phobias

Drugs and DIY software can help, reports Roger Dobson

JANUARY SALES can be a real problem for Vivian Birch. On a bad day her social phobia is so severe she can't answer the phone, and even the prospect of talking to shop assistants or of travelling on public transport terrifies her. "Sometimes I'm so frightened of even the phone that I can't bear the noise it makes, and I have nightmares where the phone is walking up the stairs to strangle me in bed. Now I have an answer-phone which I use on a bad day so there is no chance of me having to talk to a stranger," says 29-year-old Vivian.

She is one of an increasing number of people suffering with social phobia, or extreme shyness. It's a problem that peaks at this time with the pressures of New Year parties, office dos, eating out, and other social occasions.

For millions of people shyness like this is a chronic problem that can wreck lives, ruin any chance of a relationship and even lead to suicide. Some psychologists believe that the problem is increasing as people lose their social skills in an age of telephone-banking, automatic checkouts and tele-working.

"These days you exchange information and not emotions. There is no sentiment, no face-to-face contact, no small talk, and some kids would rather play computer games than play with real live friends," says Professor Philip Zimbardo of Stanford University in the US, a leading authority on shyness.

Social phobia is described by the American Psychiatric Association as a pronounced and persistent fear of social or performance situations in which embarrassment may occur, and it estimated there are around two million social phobics in Britain alone. Sufferers experience a range of symptoms that can include mutism and other speech problems, low self-esteem, social anxiety, loneliness, uncontrollable blushing, physical shaking, and extreme difficulties in forming relationships.

Nature and nurture, genes as well as social conditioning, are thought to play a part, and one research team working with twins reared apart, found around one in six of the population are born with a predisposition to shyness, although most shyness is thought to be acquired in early childhood.

"Over the past 10 years shyness has been increasing at the rate of around one per cent a year until now it is about 50 per cent which suggests there is something significant happening in our society which is increasing the level of shyness," says Zimbardo.

Vivian Birch, whose responses to socially phobic situations include mutism, dizziness and nausea, has tried a number of different therapies to ease her problems. She is currently taking Seroquel for the depression that is an integral part of social phobia for one in three sufferers. The same type of formulation has been described as an

anti-shyness pill, and increasing numbers of similar drugs are on the market or in development.

"Since January I have been taking Seroquel. I am finding it very helpful and it has made quite a difference to me. I don't see anything wrong with a drug for social phobia if it gets people to a stage where they can tackle the problem," she says.

Another new treatment for social phobia, computer-based psychological therapy, is being pioneered by The Maudsley Hospital and the Institute of Psychiatry in London.

The computer programme, Fear-Fighter, that Professor Isaac Marks and his team have produced, involves half-a-dozen one-hour sessions which show the patient how to use exposure therapy to confront his or her fear.

"The essence of our programme is about self-treatment. The types of homework that could be set for social phobia might be for them to ask someone the time at a bus stop, or to engage a stranger in conversation for one minute," says Professor Marks. The Maudsley programme has been used by 90 patients, a third of them social phobics. The results are expected to conclude that it is as successful as face-to-face therapy.

The Maudsley self-care clinic is on 0171 919 3365, and the Phobias Society runs a self-help network, telephone 0161 881 1937.

### HEALTH CHECK



JEREMY LAURANCE

I HAVE invented a new diet and I am launching it today to a waiting world - free, gratis and for nothing. I have called it the Wet and Dry diet, and I guarantee that if you follow it for three months you will find your bathroom scales pointing in the right direction.

The principle of the Wet and Dry diet is simple: you may not eat wet and dry foods at the same time. That's all there is to it. You may eat anything you like, in any quantity, so long as you obey this basic rule.

It means that you may not eat breakfast cereals (dry) with milk (wet). Nor may you accompany pasta (dry) with sauce (wet), although grated Parmesan is acceptable. Meat (dry) may not be accompanied by gravy (wet) but may be eaten with vegetables or potatoes, unless these are mashed or pureed. You get the idea.

Every reader will need to devise their own additional rules for this diet. A science-minded colleague suggested a banana could be both wet (when mashed) and dry (when whole). Shepherds pie combines meat (dry) and gravy (wet). But it is acceptable because the ingredients are combined at the cooking stage and not at the table.

The point of this diet is to make eating difficult. It is the unacknowledged principle behind most diets. An equally effective diet would be one that forbade combining red and green food, or that required you to stand on your head while eating.

This inconvenient fact will not prevent millions of people turning to bookshops and self-help groups in the New Year in search of a new idea for losing weight.

We have already had the Hay Diet, the Scarsdale Diet and the F-plan Diet, plus many more. Stand by for the 1.2.3. Success 2000 Diet from Weight Watchers to be launched next week.

Jane Dunkeld, author of the *Good Diet Guide*, pours scorn on these diets in the January issue of *Positive Health*, the complementary medicine magazine. She says that much of the advice is contradictory, and hence confusing. For example *System S*, by Sally Ann Voak and Professor Anne de Looy, promised dieters they need not cut out sugar while *Sugar Busters*, by H Leighton Steward, claimed sugar was worse than fat.

Dr Dunkeld writes that whether you follow a high or low protein, high or low carbohydrate or high or low sugar diet makes no difference to losing weight. "All that matters is the caloric content."

Scientifically she is correct, but humans tend not to obey the laws of science too strictly, especially where their appetites are concerned.

The more helpful advice is to follow whichever diet helps you cut your calorie intake most effectively.

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1999 looks like being a tremendous year for those who appreciate art with their senses. By Tom Lubbock

# Flesh, fabric, sex and money

A good year ahead, it looks, happily free of *fin de siècle* or millennial anticipations. A good start at least – and some of the best of it starts soon. In a month's time *Portraits by Ingres: Image of an Epoch* opens at the National Gallery. It wasn't so many years ago that Ingres was a byword for the sick and the square, a patron saint of academic painting. But lately he's enjoyed a reversal of critical fortune. Now he looks like a tremendous perve and weirdo – very much our cup of tea – and never more so than in his portraits, especially those of women.

In Ingres' hands, these high-bourgeois ladies become soft, human fillets. Their bodies are manipulated into extreme rearrangements, distortions which are only just covered by the exquisite skin painting and the opulent fields of frock. Formal affirmations of affluence and status they may be, or be meant to be. But the result is a fusion of economic and sensual luxury, swoony erotic *melanges* of flesh and fabric, money and sex in perfect harmony. His drawings are triumphs of the art.

There's danger in this sort of advance publicity, of course. It just makes things worse for everyone. It was nine years ago that the Royal Academy put on *Monet in the '90s* – a show so well attended that the main thing it offered the visitor was the chance to study crowd movements in a confined space. I dare say *Monet in the 20th Century* will go much the same way.

The surprise, perhaps, is that there's a show there at all – a 19th Century painter, surely? But no, Monet lived until 1926. He worked on, his vision so disturbed by cataracts that sometimes he had to rely on the labels on his paint-tubes, and pursued his own course, hardly influenced by contemporary developments. But in his pictures of the gardens and ponds at Giverny, he created as strange a painting-world as any of the younger modern artists. You may just catch a glimpse of it.

You'll soon be hearing so much about Neurotic Realism that I won't say much here. It's Charles Saatchi's brand new made-up art movement, a slogan coined to promote his recent purchases now that the Young British Artist label has done its job. It seems a highly ridiculous gambit, and will doubtless prosper. The first installment goes on show at the Saatchi Gallery in January.

The career of Patrick Caulfield demonstrates the dispensability of labels. Once he was called a Pop artist. Now it's a little hard even to

see why. His retrospective at the Hayward Gallery will reveal a virtuoso of many paintings styles, though I think the Sixties pictures are still the real knockouts – the steady black outlines filled with luminous panes of colour, the colouring-in book principle turned to startling levels of beauty and intelligence.

Other February openings include a retrospective of John Everett Millais, the sanest Pre-Raphaelite, at the National Portrait Gallery, and a chance to see the drawings of an artist who always denied doing any in Francis Bacon: *Works on Paper and Paintings* at the Tate in London. Meanwhile at the Tate in Liverpool there's *Richard Donston: New World Order* – new work by one of the leading British sculptors of the 1980s. Rather pompous collages of industrial stuffs they always seemed to me, but what it looks like now I don't know.

By far the most interesting spring prospect is the London Tate's Jackson Pollock retrospective. This is good macro-timing. The wild hero of Abstract Expressionism, "Jack the Dripper", the first star of US painting, died in 1956. A generation has grown up for whom Pollock's name is a legend, but his work almost unknown. To be honest, I've hardly looked at it myself, partly put off by the existential Davey Crockett image. But now one expects the legend to fall away and something rather beautiful and old mastery to shine through. Or will it be something flash and skimpy? Whatever, we'll be seeing – and being – posterity at work.

May brings *Examining Pictures* at the Whitechapel, a survey of the expanded field of contemporary painting – a good subject, and a show which one can predict pretty confidently will have a new and snappier title by the time it opens; I mean, they must want somebody to go to it. And at the Barbican there's *New Art for a New Era: Kasimir Malevich's Vision of the Russian Avant-Garde*, another good topic, marking a rare, brief moment of collaboration between an artistic and a political revolution, and another title in need of a little fine tuning.



'Madame de Senonnes' by Ingres: exquisite skin painting and opulent fields of frock

Musée des Beaux-Arts, Nantes

The self-portraits of Rembrandt need no advertisement. They've become the great pictorial statements of honesty and mortality, of the human depths. They stand among the top icons of humanity itself, the sort of thing we'd like to send off into outer space, to show the ETs what a wonderful species we are – except that the ETs might not like oil painting or share our admiration for candour. But for those who do, there's *Rembrandt by Himself* at the National: 40 painted self-portraits, plus drawings and etchings too. It looks like being a good year in

particular for the painter Gary Hume. Born in 1962, he's the UK representative at the '99 Venice Biennale in June, and he's the subject of the Scottish National Gallery of Modern Art's Edinburgh Festival show. His pictures – in which simple images are translated into flat shapes painted in funny colours – often seem very good, but I've never quite worked out what their trick is. It's something to do with being enigmatic but completely casual.

Hints for the second half of the year must inevitably be sparser and vaguer, anyway, you'll have forgotten

them. Two rather interesting-looking, similar-sounding group things, both absurdly titled, emanate from the Tate Gallery. In London there's *Abra-cadabra: International Contemporary Art*, opening in August – a foretaste, I guess, of the kind of show that the Tate Gallery of Modern Art, opening next year at Bankside, will be doing much more of. Then in Liverpool there's *Trace: The 1999 Liverpool Biennial of Contemporary Art*, which will "explore place, memory, materiality and mapping" (good grief). But no, it's very nice to have a Biennial on British soil, though with the world

so widely tipped to end the following year, the word is perhaps a little hubristic. The Turner Prize will still be there too.

Autumn brings a big Van Dyck show at the Royal Academy. He's not a painter I've ever got much of a kick out of – how much better if it was a big Rubens show – but it promises plenty of religious and mythological pictures as well as his popular Stuart portraiture.

Two Italian avant-gardists command the stage in October. At the Hayward Gallery there's a Lucio Fontana retrospective, the artist whose signature work is a blank raw canvass, neatly slashed. At the Museum of Modern Art in Oxford there's *Michelangelo Pistoletto: The Shifting Perspective*, a homage to one of the founders of *arte povera*, and an artist whose activities are too various for any summary. In November, the London Tate shows *Bloomsbury: Roger Fry, Vanessa Bell & Duncan Grant*, an exhibition of the visual wing of the famous Group, which will demonstrate, beyond a doubt, that you can be a highly advanced, ahead-of-the-game artist, and absolutely no good at all. Please, you have my word for it.

## 1999 – THE MAJOR EXHIBITIONS

**Monet in the 20th Century**  
Royal Academy, London  
23 Jan-18 April  
**Portraits by Ingres**  
National Gallery, London  
27 Jan-25 May  
**Patrick Caulfield**  
Hayward Gallery, London

**4 Feb-11 May**  
**Jackson Pollock**  
Tate Gallery, London  
**1 March-6 June**  
**Rembrandt by Himself**  
National Gallery 9 June-5 Sept  
**Gary Hume: New Paintings**  
Scottish National Gallery

**of Modern Art 11 Aug-17 Oct**  
**Van Dyck**  
Royal Academy 11 Sept-3 Dec  
**Trace: The 1999 Liverpool Biennial of Contemporary Art**  
Tate Gallery, Liverpool  
25 Sept-7 Nov

**Michelangelo Pistoletto**  
Museum of Modern Art, Oxford  
17 Oct-2 Jan 2000  
**Bloomsbury: Roger Fry, Vanessa Bell & Duncan Grant**  
Tate, London  
4 Nov-30 Jan 2000

## Too many bad fairies

A PUZZLE: the musicians playing Prokofiev's *Cinderella* for the Royal Ballet at the Festival Hall are billed as "the Orchestra of the Royal Opera House". But so are those busy on the same evenings performing operas by Smetana or Rimsky-Korsakov at Sadler's Wells. Has somebody in the Covent Garden organisation solved the problem of being in two places at once? Or are some audiences being fobbed off with substitutes?

Whatever the answer (and we can all make a wicked guess), the Royal Ballet's music director Andrea Quin conducts Prokofiev's score with every appearance of loving it: we get beautiful tempi, even if the tone of the orchestra is not always ideal. At the performance I saw, she stayed at the end to applaud the dancers, including Sara Wildor's debut in the title part.

This suits Wildor a lot better than her other recent new roles, largely because one of her best gifts is bringing out the meaning and emotion of what

### DANCE

**ROYAL BALLET:**  
**CINDERELLA**  
ROYAL FESTIVAL HALL  
LONDON

she is playing, and Frederick Ashton's choreography is rich in those qualities (something not all Wildor's colleagues seem to notice). It would help if she could find a more defining make-up for the middle act, where the lighting and her blue costume, together with her own pale colouring, hold back her expressions from carrying. With her lovely big eyes and even lovelier, bigger smile, this is a pity.

She headed a cast in which some of the other soloists also were an improvement on their recent predecessors. Peter Abegglen and Alastair Marriott kept their humour lively as the step-sisters without going over the top (which is more than could be said of their reluctant suitors at the ball). Jonathan Howells, a sur-

prisingly tall choice for the jester, danced his many solos with plenty of vim, bounce and brilliance, and made a welcome attempt to restore some of the characterisation too often missing from that role.

This being a reason of goodwill, let me pass silently over those cast members who fall into the trap of playing this ballet as if it were a Christmas pantomime, and let me hope quietly that one day we shall again see the long sequence of solos and ensembles for the fairies of the seasons danced with the clarity, warmth and style we used to take for granted.

Meanwhile, rejoice that the corps de ballet of evening stars who accompany them show attractive cohesion and zest, and obviously relish those moments when they explode into centre stage and hold it for their own moments of swift, dipping, stretching, circling glory. Now that's what the whole of this potentially beautiful and much loved ballet ought to look like.

JOHN PERCIVAL



Alastair Marriott as a lively ugly sister Laurie Lewis

## Beware flying willow

### CLASSICAL

**NEW LONDON CONSORT**  
QEH, LONDON

MISSIONARY ZEAL and secular violence may have spread the Christian message throughout the medieval world, yet old pagan habits proved remarkably resistant to change. The Roman feasts of Lupercalia and Saturnalia were transformed into church celebrations of the Nativity and Christmas, while dancing, drinking and healthy self-indulgence remained a feature of the new holy days.

Philip Pickett's *Nativitas* programme offered a rich slice of medieval Christmas life, its ingredients ranging from pious songs to the Virgin to a slapstick mummings' play and wild instrumental numbers.

The concert's emotional content was equally diverse, counterbalancing groups of serious and contemplative pieces with ancient pop tunes and folk-dance to evoke genuine feelings of melancholy and mirth.

Christmas inspired a wealth of popular tunes and performing traditions, from which Pickett extracted around two dozen examples. The QEH's lights were dimmed for a semi-staged

account of the Rouen *Officium Pastorum*, complete with Virgin and child, a candlelit procession and subtle additions to the plainchant of symphony and organ drones. Simon Grant's delivery of the verses in *Pax in terris nunciatur* and again in the deeply moving narrative carol *Als I lay on Yodis nycht* might stand as a model for the performance of medieval song, his unfurled yet powerful projection conditioned by the mood of the text and responsive to the sense of individual words. The various permutations of ensemble voices managed skilfully to balance the demands of choral blend against the need to infect and project the text, a trick that overcame the potential blandness of the first-half group of polyphonic conductus.

Since early music became a serious business in the 1980s,

much of the fun once associated with its revivals has been replaced by the o faces of performers desperately seeking inclusion in the mainstream. The New London Consort, now a fixture of the musical establishment, has never lost touch with the pioneering spirit of characters such as David Munrow, nor with the folk bands who dipped into the medieval past for inspiration.

The second half of the *Nativitas* programme ran from Walter Frye's subtle three-part *Ave regina* setting to the shenanigans of a St Nicholas' Day mummings' play, enacted with vigour by Albin Morris. The loudest laughs from the stalls presumably came from insurance brokers glib at the prospect of seismographic replica instruments managed by willow-branch rattle, although the stick-wielding antics of a Marty Feldon look-alike (decked out as St George) were sufficiently burlesque to amuse even the most festive among the capacity audience.

ANDREW STUART

## INDEPENDENT COLLECTOR

JOHN WINDSOR'S  
GUIDE TO  
CONTEMPORARY ART  
THIS WEEK:  
MARCUS RICHARDS

MARCUS RICHARDS was the only British artist out of 3,587 entrants from 92 countries whose work was accepted for Japan's Osaka Triennale exhibition, this year devoted to sculpture. His 7ft by 4ft *Full Circle*, shown here, was awarded the silver prize.

Richards, 42, is a part-time tutor at the Byam Shaw School of Art, London, and has his own studio in Bow.

He says: "International and national opens are the only available showcases for artists who are not represented by galleries. But reluctance by gallery owners and curators to recognise their importance perpetuates the incestuous dominance of commercial over cultural values. This is short-termism – as history will prove."

The paradox of references triggered by his *Full Circle*, with strips of beech wood upholstered on top with black studded vinyl, not unlike a giant computer mouse, gave one of the five Osaka judges a sleepless night. Yaguchi Kunio, chief curator of the Museum of Contemporary Art, Tokyo, admitted to Richards: "At first, I thought it was a piece of Swedish furniture and rejected it. But that night I could not get it out of my mind and could not sleep. I looked at it again and had to accept it."

Richards says: "I enjoy perversity and humour. That is the point of access to my sculptures. They all have the feeling that they could exist in a domestic setting – and they all have to do with the way we want to possess things. I come from a poor background; we did not have a computer, but we did have furniture."

His prize money of £22,000 has been used, in accordance with the tradition in Osaka, to purchase his sculpture, which is now in the permanent collection of Osaka's Contemporary Art and Culture Centre.

Richards' other sculptures include the 7ft-long *Rocker*, in wood and ceramic tiles, resembling an outside electrical switch, and the 8ft-long *Prototype 02*, in wood and fibreglass, which could be mistaken for a not very handy TV remote. Prices from £2,000.

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'Full Circle'



# MEDIA

## AFTER THE CULL: WHATEVER HAPPENED TO THE 26 EDITORS WHO LEFT THEIR JOBS IN THE LAST 5 YEARS

												
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<b>WHY THEY LEFT</b> Forced out to make way for Rosie Boycott	<b>WHY THEY LEFT</b> Harmoniously kicked upstairs	<b>WHY THEY LEFT</b> Eight months off, then resigned for health reasons	<b>WHY THEY LEFT</b> Forced out when Sunday merged with Daily Express	<b>WHY THEY LEFT</b> Resigned as sales continued to slide	<b>WHY THEY LEFT</b> Moved to create 'new' Sporting Life, resigned in frustration	<b>WHY THEY LEFT</b> Resigned ahead of planned job cuts	<b>WHY THEY LEFT</b> Forced out to make way for David Yelland	<b>WHY THEY LEFT</b> Seen off by her managing director Bridget Rowe	<b>WHY THEY LEFT</b> Pushed out to make way for Sue Douglas	<b>WHY THEY LEFT</b> Fell foul of Associated's new editor-in-chief Paul Dacre	<b>WHY THEY LEFT</b> Kicked upstairs after precipitous decline in sales	<b>WHY THEY LEFT</b> Resigned to become editor of Granta
<b>WHERE ARE THEY NOW?</b> Own company working on project for Mail on Sunday	<b>WHERE ARE THEY NOW?</b> About to start as new breakfast show host on Talk Radio	<b>WHERE ARE THEY NOW?</b> Studying for a history degree	<b>WHERE ARE THEY NOW?</b> Consultant editor to Scotsman Publications	<b>WHERE ARE THEY NOW?</b> Editor of The South China Morning Post in Hong Kong	<b>WHERE ARE THEY NOW?</b> Associate Sports Editor on The Independent	<b>WHERE ARE THEY NOW?</b> Professor of Journalism at Cardiff University, and freelance writer	<b>WHERE ARE THEY NOW?</b> Media relations adviser to celebrities	<b>WHERE ARE THEY NOW?</b> Editor of Daily Mail's Weekend Magazine	<b>WHERE ARE THEY NOW?</b> Media relations consultant and broadcaster	<b>WHERE ARE THEY NOW?</b> From January, Conservative Party's political operations consultant	<b>WHERE ARE THEY NOW?</b> Editor-in-chief of The Observer, columnist and economic pundit	<b>WHERE ARE THEY NOW?</b> Editor of Granta and columnist on The Independent

												
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<b>WHY THEY LEFT</b> Sacked for alienating staff without ending sales slide	<b>WHY THEY LEFT</b> Resigned when proprietor in discussions with replacement	<b>WHY THEY LEFT</b> Seduced by job at EBC, the consortium that bought Talk Radio for £15m	<b>WHY THEY LEFT</b> Sacked for refusing to implement job cuts	<b>WHY THEY LEFT</b> Seduced by non-existent US television job	<b>WHY THEY LEFT</b> Went on 'compassionate leave'	<b>WHY THEY LEFT</b> Resigned amid rumours of falling out with proprietor	<b>WHY THEY LEFT</b> Resigned to become editor-in-chief of Guardian	<b>WHY THEY LEFT</b> Lost power struggle with Kelvin MacKenzie	<b>WHY THEY LEFT</b> Retired to make way for Max Hastings	<b>WHY THEY LEFT</b> Became director of company after change in ownership	<b>WHY THEY LEFT</b> Quit rather than implement savage job cuts	<b>WHY THEY LEFT</b> Forced out to make way for Rosie Boycott
<b>WHERE ARE THEY NOW?</b> Editor of soon to be launched Scottish Sunday paper	<b>WHERE ARE THEY NOW?</b> Breakfast show on LBC radio in London and runs own PR company	<b>WHERE ARE THEY NOW?</b> Chairman of TalkCo, the consortium that bought Talk Radio for £15m	<b>WHERE ARE THEY NOW?</b> Columnist on Express and Observer, consultant to Lord Hollick	<b>WHERE ARE THEY NOW?</b> Editor in Chief The Scotsman and Sunday Business	<b>WHERE ARE THEY NOW?</b> In charge of special projects for Mirror Group, including Sporting Life	<b>WHERE ARE THEY NOW?</b> TV personality, writes romantic fiction and sits on the English Tourist Board	<b>WHERE ARE THEY NOW?</b> Columnist for Observer and Guardian, Novel, The 51st State, just published	<b>WHERE ARE THEY NOW?</b> Director of Corporate Communications at National Magazine Co	<b>WHERE ARE THEY NOW?</b> Columnist on Mail on Sunday	<b>WHERE ARE THEY NOW?</b> President of the British Board of Film Classification, director of The Independent	<b>WHERE ARE THEY NOW?</b> Retired	<b>WHERE ARE THEY NOW?</b> Editor of The New Statesman

# Who would be an editor?

Most ambitious young journalists have a simple aim - to edit a national newspaper. But the events of this year may make many pause for thought. For 1998 has seen eight editors leave their posts, usually clearing their offices even before the triumphant headlines appear in rival papers the next day.

It is always a shock. One day they are omnipotent, courted by politicians and feared by their staff. The next they are bidding farewell to six-figure salaries and chauffeur-driven cars. Increasingly, the job is reminiscent of being a football manager - well-paid, high-profile and increasingly short-lived. Indeed, the number of national newspaper editors departing this year was the same as the number of Premier League managers. In both cases, resignation is usually a euphemism for being sacked.

"Only in football is the pressure to get results so great and the loading of responsibility on one person similar," says Len Gould, the editor of the *Sunday Mirror* from 1996 to 1997. "Like the football manager, you get about six months before the chairman starts issuing statements of confidence."

Eight to depart their newspapers this year are an

eclectic lot, proving that the job is equally as insecure on broadsheets and tabloids. They include people such as Jonathan Holborow at the *Mail on Sunday* and Stuart Higgins at *The Sun*, both of whom were editing market leaders and sitting on seemingly healthy sales.

The others to go were Phil Walker at the *Daily Star*, Andrew Marr at *The Independent*, Richard Addis at *The Express*, Bridget Rowe at the *Sunday Mirror* and Brendan Parsons at the *Sunday People*.

While their redundancy terms mean they are unlikely to end up on the dole, most find it difficult to settle into new jobs quickly. Consultancy seems to be the catch-all phrase that protects ex-editors from the more humbling experience of working for another editor who was once their equal.

What the events of recent years demonstrate is how the nature of newspaper editing has changed. In the past five years there have been 26 editors who have left their jobs without a better one to go to; most sat in the editor's chair for about two years. Only two of them - Peter Preston of *The Guardian* and Kelvin MacKenzie of *The Sun* - had been edi-

bears such a strong imprint of the person at the top. But the changed finances of newspapers also means it is cheaper to change the editor than invest in the paper as a whole.

As newspapers have struggled to hold readers, they have doubled in size over the past 10 years but without a similar increase in cover price. Even with new technology and the de-recognition of trade unions, profits have been squeezed.

This has led, particularly at the Express and Mirror titles, to editors being replaced by people claiming they can do things more cheaply. Conversely, some editors have resigned rather than implement more job cuts.

For the editor who can supply the holy grail of increasing sales, or even just halt decline, the rewards can be considerable. This is even more true when the competition tries to poach the miracle worker.

Paul Dacre is believed to be earning more than £850,000 a year. Other editors can expect anything from £200,000 upwards, with substantial share, options, pensions and other perks. Given their shortness of tenure, the key to an editor's wealth might well be his or her exit arrangements. A one-year

contract, which means a six-figure pay-off, should clear all but the most Mandelsonian of mortgages, especially when combined with cashing in the share options and possibly holding on to the company Jag.

But they are unlikely to be driven by money. Star columnists, such as Richard Littlejohn and Lynda Lee-Potter, can earn similar sums without anything like the workload or fear of redundancy. And if they do get sacked, they just move papers. Additionally, columnists get to live and die by their own pen, but many editors will have died because of factors like budgets, which are out of their control. But then, as proprietors know, there is always someone who wants to step up to bat.

Andrew Marr has columns in two newspapers, but he has also turned himself into a company and is on the board of Lord Hollick's new media venture capital arm and will be presenting a television series next year. "The greatest advantage I find of working for myself is that it is good psychologically," says Marr. "As an editor you do things at second-hand - you hire the right person to do the right job. Now I do everything for myself."

Richard Addis, too, has become a company. His plan is to come up with marketable ideas and he is working on a project for the *Mail on Sunday*. "By creating a company, you can at last build up something that is of value to yourself," he says.

For many of the editors leaving their posts, the other main task is securing a pay-off. This usually requires signing a confidentiality agreement. Those who stay really friendly are those who manage to get kicked upstairs. In this year's crop, Will Hutton became editor-in-chief of *The Observer* and remains a columnist, in spite of the plunge in circulation under his editorship.

The one thing this year's crop of ex-editors has in common is their relative youthfulness. "The days of becoming

editor in your fifties have gone," says Andrew Marr. "Then when you stepped down after years at the top, it was to a well-earned retirement. Now the rapid turnover means the trick is to get right what you do with your life afterwards. Simon Jenkins is probably the best model of how you manage it."

Jenkins, the editor of *The Times* from 1990 to 1992, now has that most British of careers - he is a member of the great and the good. As well as producing various weekly columns, Jenkins sits on an array of committees covering railways, the environment, historic buildings, world monuments and the Old Vic.

So there is one difference with football managers. Ex-editors rarely end up running their own pub.

## 'I grin like a maniac but it feels like death'

SACKED. CANNED. Kicked upstairs. Moved sideways. Given Jim's rush.

Call it what you like, I've lost the editorship and it feels like death. I am grinning like a maniac and trying to swallow a lump the size of a cannonball. I can't hear the silence because somewhere in my head Concorde is taking off. A hundred or more unblinking faces are taking the news of my replacement as editor of *The Mirror* with stoicism bordering on cruelty.

But all I can see is Thatcher's face, as familiar as my own mother's, hunched in her limousine behind rain-spattered windows leaving Number Ten. Her right eye, the one nearest the feasting Press, molten with tears.

That was the moment when she knew what it was to lose the best job on earth, the role she had played since her birthright. Now it is my turn.

The managing director is speaking my name, praising my

time at the top and, in the same breath, introducing my successor. How hard are the mighty fallen!

I feel nauseous as I scan the faces of staff and colleagues for signs of pleasure or triumph or revenge. I see only outrageous sympathy. And I hate it.

A jumble of crazy, angry thoughts spin in my head as I mealy-mouth familiar words: "Congratulations... richly deserved... thanks for your work and loyalty... please support him as you did me..."

How long have they gossiped behind my back? Was I the last to know? What will I tell my children?

I inform executives that their new editor will meet with them in an hour's time. They nod. More sympathy. And then they are gone, shuffling back to their desks. The newsroom is ablaze with scarcely suppressed excitement.

Inside my room my secretary hugs and consoles. What will become of her, I wonder?

We both know that Fleet Street editors' secretaries are at least as vulnerable as their bosses.

The journey home isn't the usual riot, either: my driver, Keith, has become a family friend since the first day he called to collect me. He has become indispensable. Errand boy, courier, stand-in father, minder, collector-from-pubs, restaurant guide, driver (in emergencies - she disapproves of such luxuries) of my wife... all for naught. The new editor, we both know, will have his own man in mind.

As it happens, the company is compassionate. Generous redundancy for my secretary, a director for Keith to drive. Indeed, I keep a chauffeur-driven car for three months while I make "other arrangements".

Three months in which the invitations to receptions, premieres, fancy parties, political soirées dry to a trickle.

Three months in which I go from being a power in the land (hopefully for good) with an au-

tomatic "Access All Areas" pass to a "Used-To-Be-But-Isn't-Any-More". Three months in which I rediscover my family, who my friends are, public transport, that nights at the movies aren't always followed by black-tie parties, washing my own car, dinner at home and paying to go to the theatre.

After which I am ready to shrug philosophically - Piers Morgan recently called me "the least bitter former editor" he'd ever met - and carry on.

In the past four years, I'm proud of what I've achieved: persuading Mirror Group that the Internet is a big part of the future; learning the art of broadcasting and using it to the company's benefit; and establishing a group-wide network of internal and external communications.

You see, there is life after editing a national newspaper. But not much!

DAVID BANKS  
The author was editor of *The Daily Mirror* from 1992-94

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## NEW FILMS

## THE APPLE (SIB) (PG)

Director: Samira Makhmalbaf  
Starring: Massoumeh Naderi, Zahra Naderi  
Seventeen-year-old Makhmalbaf's precocious debut re-creates the true-life fortunes of Iran's Naderi sisters, raised in seclusion by their parents before being set loose by a social worker. Part docu-drama, part rites-of-passage fable, *The Apple* is a luminous missive from a burgeoning Iranian film scene. *West End: Metro, Renoir*

## ENEMY OF THE STATE (15)

Director: Tony Scott  
Starring: Will Smith, Gene Hackman  
Will Smith's fall-guy DA teams up with Gene Hackman's pensioned-off Pentagon warhorse in a tale of political intrigue. A top-drawer cast weaves in and out of the hi-tech imagery and adrenalinised chase scenes. *West End: ABC Tottenham Court Road, Clapham Picture House, Hammersmith Virgin, Notting Hill Coronet, Odeon Camden Town, Odeon Kensington, Odeon Marble Arch, Odeon Swiss Cottage, Odeon West End, Ritzy Cinema, Screen on Baker Street, Screen on the Green, UCI Whiteleys, Virgin Chelsea, Virgin Fulham Road*

## THE MIGHTY (PG)

Director: Peter Chelsom  
Starring: Sharon Stone, Gillian Anderson  
Peter Chelsom's *The Mighty* is a solid and rather predictable tale of two outcast kids in Cincinnati. Sharon Stone and Gillian Anderson cope well in what basically amounts to supporting roles. *West End: Barbican Screen, Curzon Soho, Gate Notting Hill, Richmond Filmhouse, Screen on the Hill, Virgin Fulham Road, Virgin Haymarket*

## WHAT DREAMS MAY COME (15)

Director: Vincent Ward  
Starring: Robin Williams, Annabella Sciorra  
Along comes Christmas, and out comes *What Dreams May Come*, an over-glazed turkey with all the trimmings. Williams simpsers as the dead chappie who leaves a co-impresario heaven to rescue his suicide-bride (Sciorra) from a Gothic hell. Metaphysical conceals arrive with a heavy dusting of sugar. *West End: ABC Baker Street, ABC Shaftesbury Avenue, Clapham Picture House, Elephant & Castle Coronet, Odeon Camden Town, Odeon Haymarket, Odeon Kensington, Odeon Marble Arch, Odeon Swiss Cottage, UCI Whiteleys, Virgin Chelsea, Virgin Trocadero, Warner Village West End*

Xan Brooks

## GENERAL RELEASE

## ANTZ (PG)

See *The Independent Recommends*, right. *West End: Plaza, Ritzy Cinema, UCI Whiteleys, Virgin Chelsea, Virgin Trocadero*

## BABE: PIG IN THE CITY (U)

In the follow-up to *Babe*, knockabout comedy is kept to a minimum in favour of a bleak anatomical fairytale. *West End: ABC Baker Street, ABC Tottenham Court Road, Clapham Picture House, Hammersmith Virgin, Odeon Camden Town, Odeon Kensington, Odeon Marble Arch, Odeon Swiss Cottage, Plaza, Ritzy Cinema, UCI Whiteleys, Virgin Fulham Road, Virgin Trocadero*

## THE MASK OF ZORRO (PG)

This swashbuckler gallops full-speed through 19th-century California in the company of Antonio Banderas's Hispanic do-gooder. *West End: Clapham Picture House, Elephant & Castle Coronet, Hammersmith Virgin, Odeon Camden Town, Odeon Kensington, Odeon Leicester Square, Odeon Marble Arch, Odeon Swiss Cottage, Ritzy Cinema, UCI Whiteleys, Virgin Fulham Road*

## MULAN (U)

This has it all: pro-active heroine; strong father-daughter relationship; honour; nobility. It's also one of the most visually innovative movies that Disney has ever made. *West End: Odeon Mezzanine, UCI Whiteleys, Warner Village West End*

## MY NAME IS JOE (15)

See *The Independent Recommends*, right. *West End: ABC Tottenham Court Road, Curzon Soho, Virgin Haymarket*

## THE NEGOTIATOR (15)

Samuel L. Jackson and Kevin Spacey go head to head in this thrilling drama. *West End: Odeon Marble Arch, Virgin Fulham Road, Virgin Trocadero, Warner Village West End*

## OUT OF SIGHT (15)

See *The Independent Recommends*, right. *West End: Empire Leicester Square, Odeon Kensington, Odeon Swiss Cottage, UCI Whiteleys, Virgin Chelsea, Virgin Trocadero*

## THE PARENT TRAP (PG)

Disney rehashes its 1961 heart-warmer in this story of two sisters' efforts to reunite their parents. *West End: Clapham Picture House, Hammersmith Virgin, Odeon Camden Town, Odeon Kensington, Odeon Marble Arch, Odeon Swiss Cottage, Odeon West End, UCI Whiteleys, Virgin Chelsea*

## THE PRINCE OF EGYPT (U)

In planning his cartoon life of Moses, DreamWorks honcho Jeffrey Katzenberg envisaged it "painted by Claude Monet and photographed by David Lean". The end result winds up as *The Ten Commandments* by way of Joseph and his Technicolor Dreamcoat. *West End: ABC Baker Street, ABC Tottenham Court Road, Barbican Screen, Clapham Picture House, Elephant & Castle Coronet, Empire Leicester Square, Hammersmith Virgin, Odeon Camden Town, Odeon Kensington, Odeon Marble Arch, Odeon Swiss Cottage, Ritzy Cinema, UCI Whiteleys, Virgin Fulham Road, Virgin Trocadero*

## RUSH HOUR (15)

Rush Hour marries Jackie Chan with a LA back-dropper, a jobbing Hollywood director and a wise-cracking black comic in Chris Tucker's luckstering LAPD man. It's a hit-and-miss affair. *West End: Hammersmith Virgin, Odeon Camden Town, Odeon Kensington, Odeon Marble Arch, Odeon Swiss Cottage, Plaza, Ritzy Cinema, UCI Whiteleys, Virgin Chelsea, Virgin Trocadero, Warner Village West End*

## THE INDEPENDENT RECOMMENDS

## THE THREE BEST FILMS

## Out of Sight (15)

This tale of love on opposite sides of the law knocks spots off every previous Elmore Leonard adaptation, and boasts in George Clooney and Jennifer Lopez the swooniest romantic pairing of the cinematic year.

## Antz (PG)

This computer-animated comedy, voiced by a stellar cast, stars Woody Allen as worker ant "Z", who becomes an unlikely opponent

of the colony's totalitarian regime when he falls in with Princess Bika (Sharon Stone).

## My Name is Joe (15)

This solid social-realist drama (right) contains all that one would expect from a Ken Loach film - humour, indignation, emotional sympathy - driven by Peter Mullan's intense performance as a recovering alcoholic.

ANTHONY QUINN



## CINEMA WEST END

**ABC BAKER STREET** (0870-902 0418) • Baker Street Babes: Pig in the City 12.00pm, 1.40pm, 4pm, 6.20pm, 8.35pm What Dreams May Come 8.30pm

**ABC PANTON STREET** (0870-902 0404) • Piccadilly Circus Elizabeth 2.10pm, 5.10pm, 8.10pm The Last Days of Disco 1.10pm, 3.40pm, 6pm, 8.25pm Lock, Stock & Two Smoking Barrels 1.10pm, 3.35pm, 6pm, 8.30pm A Perfect Murder 1.10pm, 3.35pm, 6pm, 8.30pm

**ABC PICCADILLY** (0171-287 4322 (from 1pm)) • Piccadilly Circus Hamam: The Turkish Bath 1.25pm, 3.50pm, 6.10pm, 8.35pm Slums of Beverly Hills 1.35pm, 3.50pm, 6.10pm, 8.45pm

**ABC SHAFTESBURY AVENUE** (0870-902 0402) • Leicester Square Texas Chainsaw Massacre 1.40pm, 4.10pm, 6.40pm, 8.55pm What Dreams May Come 1.05pm, 3.40pm, 6.05pm, 8.30pm

**ABC SWISS CENTRE** (0870-902 0403) • Leicester Square/Piccadilly Circus Angel Sharks 1.10pm, 3.10pm, 6.10pm, 8.20pm The El 1.10pm, 3.35pm, 6.05pm, 8.30pm The Governors 1.30pm, 3.55pm, 6.15pm, 8.35pm La Vie Revele des Anges 1.15pm, 3.35pm, 5.55pm, 8.15pm

**ABC TOTTENHAM COURT ROAD** (0870-902 0414) • Tottenham Court Road Babes: Pig in the City 1.10pm, 3.40pm Enemy of the State 1.05pm, 3.45pm, 6.25pm, 1.10pm My Name is Joe 6.30pm, 9.15pm The Prince of Egypt 1.15pm, 3.55pm, 6.50pm, 9.20pm

**BARBICAN SCREEN** (0171-638 8821) • Barbican The Mighty 3pm, 5.15pm, 8.40pm The Prince of Egypt 3pm, 5.30pm, 8pm

**CHELSEA CINEMA** (0171-351 3742) • Sloane Square On Connalt la Chanson 1pm, 3.30pm, 6pm, 8.35pm

**CLAPHAM PICTURE HOUSE** (0171-498 3323) • Clapham Common Babes: Pig in the City 12.30pm Enemy of the State 6.20pm, 9pm The Mask of Zorro phone for times The Parent Trap 1pm, 3.40pm The Prince of Egypt phone for times What Dreams May Come 4.15pm, 9.30pm

**CURZON MAYFAIR** (0171-369 1720) • Green Park Dancing at Lughnasa 4.30pm, 9pm The Philadelphia Story 2pm, 6.30pm

**CURZON SOHO** (0171-734 2255 (12pm-6pm)) • Leicester Square/Tottenham Court Road Casablanca 2pm, 4.45pm, 7pm, 9.10pm Elizabeth 1.45pm, 4.35pm, 7.20pm The Mighty 1.15pm, 3.15pm, 5.15pm, 7.15pm My Name is Joe 4.30pm, 9.30pm

**ELEPHANT AND CASTLE CORONET** (0171-703 4968) • Elephant & Castle The Mask of Zorro phone for times The Prince of Egypt phone for times What Dreams May Come phone for times

**EMPIRE LEICESTER SQUARE** (0870-902 0403) • Leicester Square Far and Away 12.00pm, 2.25pm, 4.20pm, 3.15pm, 6.10pm, 9pm Out of Sight 12.10pm, 2.55pm, 5.50pm, 8.35pm The Prince of Egypt 1.40pm, 4.55pm, 1pm, 3.30pm, 6pm, 8.30pm

**GATE NOTTING HILL** (0171-727 4043) • Notting Hill Gate The Mighty 4.45pm, 6.55pm, 9.05pm

**HAMMERSMITH VIRGIN** (0870-907 0718) • Ravenscourt Park/Hammersmith Babes: Pig in the City 12.40pm Enemy of the State 3pm, 6.10pm, 9.10pm The Mask of Zorro 12.00pm, 3pm, 6pm, 9pm The Parent Trap 12.10pm, 3.40pm, 6.30pm, 9.20pm The Prince of Egypt 12.15pm, 2.20pm, 4.30pm, 6.30pm, 8.30pm Rush Hour 6pm, 9pm

**METRO** (0171-734 1506) • Piccadilly Circus/Leicester Square The Apple 3pm, 5pm, 7pm, 9pm The Parent Trap 12.10pm, 3.40pm, 6.30pm, 9.20pm The Prince of Egypt 12.15pm, 2.20pm, 4.30pm, 6.30pm, 8.30pm Rush Hour 6pm, 9pm

**CURZON MINEMA** (0171-369 1723) • Hyde Park Corner/Notting Hill Elizabeth 2.20pm, 6.40pm Fire 4.35pm, 9pm

**NOTTING HILL CORONET** (0171-727 6705) • Notting Hill Gate Enemy of the State 3pm, 5.50pm, 8.30pm

**ODEON CAMDEN TOWN** (0870-902 0407) • Camden Town Babes: Pig in the City 11.45am Enemy of the State 12.15pm, 3pm, 5.50pm, 8.40pm The Mask of Zorro 11.40am, 2.45pm, 5.40pm, 8.30pm The Parent Trap 12.10pm, 2.55pm The Prince of Egypt 11.40am, 2.15pm, 4.30pm, 6.45pm, 9pm Rush Hour 2.15pm, 4.30pm, 6.40pm, 8.55pm What Dreams May Come 5.55pm, 8.35pm

**ODEON HAYMARKET** (0870-902 0407) • Piccadilly Circus What Dreams May Come 1.10pm, 3.35pm, 6.05pm, 8.40pm

**ODEON KENSINGTON** (0870-902 0407) • High Street Kensington Babes: Pig in the City 1.30pm, 3.55pm Enemy of the State 12.05pm, 3.10pm, 6.15pm, 9.20pm The Mask of Zorro 2.25pm, 5.40pm, 8.25pm The Prince of Egypt 12.00pm, 2.25pm, 4.50pm, 7.15pm, 9.40pm Rush Hour 7.05pm, 9.40pm What Dreams May Come 1.30pm, 4.15pm, 7pm, 9.45pm

## ODEON LEICESTER SQUARE

(0870-902 0407) • Leicester Square The Mask of Zorro 11.40pm, 3.20pm, 5.25pm, 8.20pm

**ODEON MARBLE ARCH** (0870-902 0407) • Marble Arch Babes: Pig in the City 12.00pm Enemy of the State 12.00pm, 3.05pm, 6.05pm, 9.05pm The Mask of Zorro 11.45am, 2.50pm, 5.55pm, 9pm The Parent Trap 12.10pm, 3.15pm, 6.10pm, 9.10pm The Prince of Egypt 12.50pm, 3.20pm, 6.10pm, 8.55pm Rush Hour 2.15pm, 4.40pm, 7.05pm, 9.30pm What Dreams May Come 5.55pm, 9pm

**ODEON MEZZANINE** (0870-902 0407) • Leicester Square Elizabeth 2.35pm, 5.05pm, 7.35pm, 9.05pm The Mask of Zorro 12.50pm, 3.20pm, 6.10pm, 8.55pm Rush Hour 2.15pm, 4.40pm, 7.05pm, 9.30pm What Dreams May Come 5.55pm, 9pm

**ODEON SWISS COTTAGE** (0870-902 0407) • Swiss Cottage Babes: Pig in the City 12.10pm Enemy of the State 12.10pm, 2.50pm, 5.35pm, 8.20pm The Mask of Zorro 12.15pm, 5.15pm, 8.15pm Out of Sight 5.45pm, 8.25pm The Smoking Barrels 1.25pm, 3.55pm, 6.20pm, 8.45pm Les Miserables 3.30pm, 8.30pm Mulan 1.40pm, 3.50pm, 6.10pm, 8.25pm Snake Eyes 1.05pm, 6pm There's Something About Mary 12.45pm, 3.15pm, 5.45pm, 8.20pm

**ODEON WEST END** (0870-902 0407) • Leicester Square Elizabeth 2.30pm, 5.10pm, 8.20pm The Parent Trap 12.05pm, 2.45pm, 5.35pm, 8.20pm The Mask of Zorro 12.10pm, 3.20pm, 6.10pm, 8.55pm Rush Hour 2.15pm, 4.40pm, 7.05pm, 9.30pm What Dreams May Come 5.55pm, 9pm

**PEPSI BRAX CINEMA** (0171-494 4153) • Piccadilly Circus Everest 2.40pm, 4.45pm, 7pm, 9.05pm T-Rex: Back to the Cretaceous (3-D) 11.30am, 1.35pm, 3.40pm, 5.45pm, 8pm, 10.05pm

**PLAZA** (0870-902 0407) • Piccadilly Circus Antz 1.15pm, 3.30pm Babes: Pig in the City 12.45pm, 3.10pm, 5.30pm Rush Hour 1.30pm, 4pm, 6.30pm, 9pm Saving Private Ryan 7.50pm The Truman Show 6pm, 8.30pm

**RENOIR** (0171-387 8402) • Russell Square The Apple (SIB) 1pm, 2.55pm, 4.50pm, 6.45pm, 8.45pm On Connalt la Chanson 3.45pm, 8.35pm The Philadelphia Story 1.25pm, 6.15pm

**RITZY CINEMA** (0171-733 2229) • BR/Brickton Circle 12.45pm, 2.45pm, 4.45pm Babes: Pig in the City 12.25pm, 2.25pm, 4.25pm Enemy of the State 12.40pm, 3.20pm, 6.25pm, 9.10pm The Mask of Zorro 12.40pm, 3.30pm, 6.15pm, 8.55pm The Prince of Egypt 12.50pm, 3.20pm, 6.10pm, 8.55pm Rush Hour 6.50pm, 9.20pm La Vie Revele des Anges 4.25pm, 6.55pm, 9.25pm

**SCREEN ON BAKER STREET** (0171-935 2772) • Baker Street Enemy of the State 2.40pm, 5.30pm, 8.20pm Left Luggage 2.30pm, 4.40pm, 6.50pm, 9pm

**SCREEN ON THE GREEN** (0171-226 3520) • Angel/Highbury & Islington Enemy of the State 2.40pm, 5.30pm, 8.20pm

**SCREEN ON THE HILL** (0171-435 3366) • Belisle Park Antz 1.15pm, 3.15pm, 5.15pm, 7.15pm The Mighty 2.40pm, 6.50pm, 9pm

**UCI WHITELEYS** (0870-902 0407) • Queensway Antz 11.30am, 2pm, 4pm Babes: Pig in the City 11.10am, 12.10pm, 1.40pm, 2.30pm, 4.20pm Enemy of the State 11.40am, 2.45pm, 5.40pm, 8.30pm The Mask of Zorro 12.00pm, 3.05pm, 6pm, 9pm Mulan 11am Out of Sight phone for times The Parent Trap phone for times The Prince of Egypt 12.10pm, 3.10pm, 6.10pm, 9.10pm The Mask of Zorro 12.10pm, 3.10pm, 6.10pm, 9.10pm The Parent Trap 12.10pm, 3.10pm, 6.10pm, 9.10pm The Prince of Egypt 12.10pm, 3.10pm, 6.10pm, 9.10pm

**VIRGIN CHLSEA** (0870-907 0710) • Sloane Square Antz 1.15pm, 3.15pm, 5.15pm, 7.15pm, 9.15pm The Prince of Egypt 1.40pm, 4.40pm, 7.40pm, 9.40pm The Mask of Zorro 1.40pm, 4.40pm, 7.40pm, 9.40pm The Parent Trap 1.40pm, 4.40pm, 7.40pm, 9.40pm The Prince of Egypt 1.40pm, 4.40pm, 7.40pm, 9.40pm

**VIRGIN FULHAM ROAD** (0870-907 0711) • South Kensington Babes: Pig in the City 12.00pm, 2.10pm, 4.15pm Elizabeth 2pm, 5.30pm, 8.20pm Enemy of the State 12.30pm, 3.10pm, 6pm, 9.20pm The Mask of Zorro 12.30pm, 3.10pm, 6pm, 9.20pm The Parent Trap 12.30pm, 3.10pm, 6pm, 9.20pm The Prince of Egypt 12.30pm, 3.10pm, 6pm, 9.20pm

**VIRGIN HAYMARKET** (0870-907 0712) • Piccadilly Circus Fear and Loathing in Las Vegas 12.45pm, 3.20pm, 6pm, 8.35pm The Mighty 12.30pm, 3.10pm, 5.50pm, 8.25pm There's Something About Mary 12.55pm, 3.30pm, 6.10pm, 8.45pm

**VIRGIN TROCADERO** (0870-907 0716) • Piccadilly Circus Antz 12.20pm, 2.10pm, 4.10pm Babes: Pig in the City 12.30pm, 2.20pm, 4.20pm Blade 6.25pm, 9pm The Negotiator 8.30pm Out of Sight 12.00pm, 2.50pm, 5.40pm, 8.30pm The Prince of Egypt 12.50pm, 3.20pm, 6.10pm, 9.10pm The Mask of Zorro 12.50pm, 3.20pm, 6.10pm, 9.10pm The Parent Trap 12.50pm, 3.20pm, 6.10pm, 9.10pm The Prince of Egypt 12.50pm, 3.20pm, 6.10pm, 9.10pm

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## WARNER VILLAGE WEST END

(0171-437 4343) • Leicester Square Babes: Pig in the City 1.20pm, 3.35pm The Exorcist (25th Anniversary Release) 3.55pm, 6.40pm, 9.25pm Lethal Weapon 4.10pm, 4pm, 6.50pm Lock, Stock & Two Smoking Barrels 1.30pm, 3.40pm, 6.20pm, 9pm Mulan 11.40pm, 3.55pm The Negotiator 11.40am, 2.40pm, 5.40pm, 8.40pm A Perfect Murder 1.10pm, 3.50pm, 6.30pm, 9.10pm Rush Hour 12.50pm, 3.20pm, 6.30pm, 8.50pm, 9.30pm What Dreams May Come 12.20pm, 1.50pm, 3pm, 4.20pm, 5.30pm, 6.50pm, 8.20pm, 9.20pm

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## TUESDAY RADIO

### PICK OF THE DAY

WITH A new president, Andreas Whitman Smith, and director James Ferman retiring, change is under way at the British Board of Film Classification. In Censored (8pm R4) Nick Higham finds out who the censors are and how they feel about their work for most of them, sex on film quickly becomes a mechanical matter; but violence is

another. The programme doesn't settle any arguments about censorship, but it does take them out of the abstract, giving them a human, practical face. The Galton and Simpson Radio Playhouse (11.30am R4) has Richard Griffiths (right) playing a French undertaker in an exhumed G&S TV script. The result is distinctly mild.

ROBERT HANKS



**RADIO 1**  
(97.5-98.8MHz FM)  
7.00 Chris Moyles. 10.00 Scott  
1.00 Kevin Greening. 4.00  
Dave Pearce. 8.00 Steve Lamacz -  
the Evening Session. 10.00 John  
Peel. 12.00 The Breezeblock.  
2.00 Emma B. 4.00 Clive Warren.

**RADIO 2**  
(89-90.2MHz FM)  
6.00 Mo Dutt. 8.05 Sarah  
Kennedy. 10.00 Richard Allinson.  
12.00 Jimmy Young. 2.00 Alex  
Lester. 5.05 Johnnie Walker. 7.00  
Evelyn Glennie's Classics. 8.00  
Nigel Ogden. 9.00 The White  
Christmas Man. 10.00 Kennedy at  
Christmas. 10.30 Bob Harris.  
12.00 Katrina Leskanich. 3.00 -  
4.00 Nicky Home.

**RADIO 3**  
(90.2-92.4MHz FM)  
6.00 On Air.  
9.00 Masterworks.  
10.30 Artist of the Week.  
11.00 Sound Stories.  
12.00 Composer of the Week:  
Saint-Saens.  
1.00 The Radio 3 Lunchtime Con-  
cert.  
2.00 The BBC Orchestras.  
3.50 The Harmonic Series.  
4.00 Mozart Voices.  
4.45 Music to Die For.  
5.00 A Medieval Christmas.  
5.30 Music Rooms.  
6.00 Discovering Music with  
Leonard Slatkin.  
7.00 Cabaret Cocktails.  
7.30 Performance on 3. Another  
chance to hear nine of the most  
memorable concerts of the 1998  
BBC Proms season at the Royal  
Albert Hall, London. 7: In Prom 71,  
given on 10 September, west met  
east with magic and mystery.  
Valerie Anderson (soprano), BBC  
National Chorus and Orchestra of  
Wales/Mark Elder, Stravinsky:  
Scherzo fantastique. Szymanowski:  
Songs of a Fairy Tale Princess.  
Debussy: Jeux. Holst: Suite 'The  
Planets'. (R)  
9.20 Postscript. Peter Holland talks  
to ten Shakespeare experts about  
the Bard today. 2: 'Shakespeare on  
Stage'. Michael Bogdanov from the  
English Shakespeare Company and  
Mark Ryland of the Globe  
theatre discuss 'Henry V'.  
3.40 Marjana Lipovsek in Concert.  
The distinguished mezzo in a

recital recorded at the 1998 Vienna  
Festival. Marjana Lipovsek (mezzo),  
Oleg Maslennikov (piano), Clara  
Schumann: Three Songs from Op.  
12. Robert Schumann: Frauenliebe  
und -Leben. Musorgsky: The  
Nursery.  
10.35 The Harmonic Series. 5:  
Adrian Jack looks at suspensions.  
10.45 Book, Music and Lyrics. Six  
programmes in which Robert Cush-  
man presents a personal view of  
musicals, with songs from original  
cast recordings - some familiar,  
some less well known. 4: 'The  
Show is On'. A look at one of the  
most intriguing Broadway revues: a  
show that drew on the services of  
nearly every notable composer in  
the golden age of American song-  
writing, and the comic talents of  
Bert Lahr and Beatrice Lillie as well.  
11.30 Jazz Notes.  
12.00 Composer of the Week:  
Bizet. (R)  
1.00 - 6.00 Through the Night.

**RADIO 4**  
(92.4-94.6MHz FM)  
6.00 Today.  
9.00 NEWS: The Choice.  
9.30 Hancock and Son.  
9.45 Serial: Peter Pan and Wendy.  
10.00 NEWS: Woman's Hour.  
11.00 NEWS: Nature: A Wolf to the  
North.  
11.30 The Galton and Simpson  
Radio Playhouse. See Pick of the  
Day.  
12.00 NEWS: You and Yours.  
12.57 Weather.  
1.00 The World at One.  
1.30 Full Orchestra.

2.00 NEWS: The Archers.  
2.15 Afternoon Play: Open Secrets.  
3.00 NEWS: The Exchange. 0171-  
580 4444.  
3.30 The Small Ad. (R)  
3.45 Angels Bending near the  
Earth.  
4.00 NEWS: A Good Read.  
4.30 Shop Talk.  
5.00 PM.  
5.57 Weather.  
6.00 Six O'Clock News.  
6.30 4 at the Store.  
7.00 NEWS: The Archers.  
7.15 Front Row. 'Fact v Fiction'.  
Mark Lawson looks back at a year  
in which the boundaries between  
fact and fiction have been ques-  
tioned and blurred, in everything  
from films like 'The Truman Show'  
to the novels of Tom Wolfe and Don  
DeLillo and the glut of TV docu-  
soaps. Is the old-fashioned idea of  
factual authority now collapsing?  
7.45 Under One Roof. The second  
of three five-part dramatisations  
from the Michele Hanson stories,  
with Janet Maw, Edna Dore and  
Luise Bradshaw-White (2/5).  
8.00 NEWS: Censored. Nick High-  
am examines the work of one  
Britain's most secretive organisa-  
tions - the British Board of Film  
Classification, the country's film and  
video watchdog. See Pick of the Day.  
8.40 In Touch. Peter White with  
news for visually impaired people.  
9.00 NEWS: Case Notes. 'Obes-  
ty'. Almost everyone puts on a bit  
of weight over the holiday. Graham  
Easton looks at how much fat is  
too much.  
9.30 The Choice. Michael Buerk

talks to individuals who have made  
life-changing choices, taking them  
through the whole process, from the  
initial dilemma to living with the  
consequences.  
10.00 The World Tonight. With Sue  
Cameron.  
10.45 Book at Bedtime: Five  
Dahls. 2: 'The Hitchhiker' by Roald  
Dahl, read by Tom Hollander. On a  
journey to London, a writer and his  
hitchhiking passenger get stopped for  
speeding. Why is the hitchhiker  
so sure that the writer will not be  
prosecuted?  
11.00 The Now Show. Steve Punt  
and Hugh Dennis present a caval-  
cade of cutting-edge comedy with  
the regular team of Simon Munnelly,  
Jane Bussmann, David Quantick,  
Nick Romero and Dan Freedman.  
11.30 Talking Pictures.  
12.00 News.  
12.30 The Late Book: The  
Restraint of Beasts.  
12.48 Shipping Forecast.  
1.00 As World Service.  
5.30 World News.  
5.35 Shipping Forecast.  
5.40 Inshore Forecast.  
5.45 Prayer for the Day.  
5.47 - 6.00 Farming Today.

9.00 Brian Hayes.  
12.00 The Midday News.  
1.00 Ruscoe and Co.  
1.00 Drive.  
7.00 News Extra.  
7.30 Muscular Prosa. Nick Cole-  
man returns to celebrate the best  
of sports writing, beginning with  
racing in all its forms. (R)  
8.00 The Tuesday Tackle. Russell  
Fuller presents coverage of the  
night's football action, including  
Chelsea v Manchester United and  
Leeds v Wimbledon in the FA Car-  
ling Premiership.  
10.00 20th-Century Vox - Money  
and Wealth. Sybil Ruscoe explores  
how changes in money and wealth  
over the century have affected  
peoples lives, attitudes and expecta-  
tions.  
11.00 Late Night Live. The day's  
big stories with Nick Robinson. In-  
cluding 11.00 News and finance.  
And between 11.30 and 1.00 a  
sharp and spirited late-night topical  
discussion.  
1.00 Up All Night.  
4.00 Extra Time. (R)  
5.00 - 6.00 A-Z of Entertainment.

**CLASSIC FM**  
(100.0-101.9MHz FM)  
6.00 Nick Bailey. 8.00 Henry Kel-  
ly. 12.00 Requests. 2.00 Classic  
Celebrity Recitals. 3.00 Jamie  
Crick. 6.30 Newsnight. 7.00  
Smooth Classics at Seven. 9.00  
Evening Concert. 11.00 Alan Mann.  
2.00 Classic Celebrity Recitals.  
3.00 - 6.00 Mark Griffiths.

**VIRGIN RADIO**  
(125.1-126.0kHz MW 105.8MHz FM)  
6.00 Jeremy Clark. 10.00 Russ  
Williams. 10.30 Nick Abbot. 4.00  
Harriet Scott. 7.30 Mark Forrest.  
10.00 Richard Allen. 1.00 - 6.00  
James Merritt.

**World Service Radio**  
(198kHz LW)  
1.00 Newsday. 1.30 Discovery.  
2.00 Newsday. 2.30 Meridian  
(Live). 3.00 World News. 3.05  
World Business Report. 3.15  
Sports Roundup. 3.30 One Planet.  
4.00 - 7.00 The World Today.

**TALK RADIO**  
6.00 Bill Overton and Sally Meen.  
9.00 Scott Chisholm. 12.00 Lor-  
raine Kelly. 2.00 Nancy Roberts.  
4.00 Peter Dealey. 5.00 The  
Sports Zone. 8.00 James Whale.  
1.00 - 6.00 Gordon Astley.

**LIVING**  
6.00 Tiny Living (92145). 9.00 Roseanne  
Show (49098). 9.50 The Jerry Springer  
Show (76784). 10.40 Michael Cole  
(97054). 11.30 Brookside (80789).  
12.30 Special Babies (96887). 1.30  
Rescue 911 (44843). 2.00 Heady, Steady.  
Cook (58939). 3.30 Cart Cook, Wort  
Cook (76834). 4.30 Jerry Springer  
(47745). 5.00 Filmmade (852).  
(58900). 5.00 Beyond Belief: Fact or  
Fiction (29825). 5.35 Cart Cook, Wort  
Cook (76834). 6.30 Jerry Springer  
(40387). 7.00 Rescue 911 (78092). 7.30  
Beyond Belief: Fact or Fiction (76834).  
8.00 Murder Call (96788). 9.00 Nothing  
Lasts Forever (59975). 10.00 Sex Life  
Down Under (23378). 11.00 Close.

**TNT**  
9.00 North by Northwest (1959)  
(34288). 11.30 Casablanca (1942)  
(85252). 12.30 White Heat (1949)  
(34288). 3.35 Telford of Honour (1963)  
(85258). 5.00 Close.

**PARANORMAL COMEDY CHANNEL**  
7.00 Chasles (222). 7.30 Desmonds  
(532). 8.00 Roseanne (900). 8.30 Just  
Shoot Me (777). 9.00 Cybil (928). 9.30  
Sinfeld (913). 10.00 Frasier (5316).  
10.30 Cheers (828). 11.00 Festival of  
Fun (7394). 11.30 The Larry Sanders  
Show (1078). 12.00 Late Night with David  
Letterman (532). 1.00 Ted (572). 1.30  
The Critic (8078). 2.00 Dr Katz (3001).  
2.30 Soap (226). 3.00 Hooperman  
(5558). 3.30-4.00 Nightland (4648).

**GRANADA PLUS**  
7.00 The Box (59245). 7.30 On the Bus-  
es (85828). 7.50 Farm Street Gang  
(50143). 8.30 That's My Boy (76789).  
9.00 Second Thoughts (82092). 9.30 Em-  
erald (81045). 10.00 The Story of  
(93032). 11.00 Hawaii Five-O (81078).  
12.00 Coronation Street (81078). 1.30  
Emmerdale (81077). 1.40 How's Your  
Father? (81078). 1.50 Weather (81078).  
2.00 The Story of (81078). 3.00 The  
Adventures of Sherlock Holmes (46545).  
4.00 The Professionals (81078). 5.00  
Hawaii Five-O (81078). 6.00 Emmerdale  
(81077). 6.30 Coronation St (81078).  
7.00 Mission: Impossible (21027). 8.00  
The Professionals (223707). 9.00 Classic  
Coronation Street (81078). 9.30 Sex Les  
(81077). 10.00 John's Wild (81077).  
10.30 Hogan's Heroes (81078). 11.00-  
12.00 As Granada Men & Motors (42881).

## SATELLITE AND CABLE

### PICK OF THE DAY

BEFORE CHRISTMAS they  
fought out a draw, and tonight's  
Premiership encounter, Chelsea  
vs Manchester United (7.30pm  
Sky Sports 1) should be just as  
committed. Both teams have  
such strong squads that even  
their subs' benches are filled  
with seasoned internationals,  
and tonight's result could well  
have a bearing on the destination  
of the Premiership title.

Pierce Brosnan (right) and  
Linda Hamilton try hard in

Roger Donaldson's action  
adventure, *Dante's Peak* (8pm  
Sky Premier). Taking time out  
from 007, Brosnan plays a US  
Geological Survey scientist  
whose warnings about the  
imminent eruption of a volcano  
in Washington go unheeded by  
the local population. But no  
actor, however good, can  
compete with the big-budget  
lava flow and special effects  
which dominate this picture.

JAMES RAMPTON



**SKY PREMIER**  
6.00 Tom and Huck (1995) (58455). 8.00  
It's Home for Christmas (1998) (64233).  
10.00 That Thing You Do! (1996) (63988).  
12.00 The Angel of Pennsylvania Avenue  
(1998) (67168). 2.00 It's Home for Christ-  
mas (1998) (64233). 4.00 Tom and Huck  
(1995) (58455). 6.00 That Thing You Do!  
(1996) (63988). 8.00 Dante's Peak (1997)  
(71932). See Pick of the Day. 10.00 Error  
(1998) (61862). 11.55 Marvin's Room  
(1998) (60433). 1.35 The Deliverance of  
Elaine (1996) (60792). 2.05 - 6.00 Glory  
(1998) (7890008).

**SKY MOVIE MAX**  
6.00 Tom Between Two Lovers (1979)  
(19829). 7.30 All the Winters That Have  
Been (1977) (76748). 9.45 Vegas Vac-  
ation (1997) (44527). 11.00 The Judge  
Steps Out (1949) (67707). 1.00 No More  
Baths (1997) (80271). 3.00 Tom Between  
Two Lovers (1979) (76748). 5.00 All the Win-  
ters That Have Been (1977) (60485). 7.00  
Dracula: Dead and Loving It (1995) (59591).  
9.00 Love and Other Catastrophes (1998)  
(57894). 10.30 MovieMax (64542). 11.00  
Bordello of Blood (1998) (78859). 12.30 Her  
Daddy (1995) (62740). 2.05 Flash-  
point (1997) (80986). 3.40 - 6.00 Every  
Nine Seconds (1997) (484005).

**SKY CINEMA**  
4.00 About Mrs Leslie (1954) (710455).  
6.00 The Big Sky (1952) (67477). 8.00  
The Sniper (1952) (22278). 9.30 Holy-  
wood Hall of Fame (193558). 10.00 Fran-  
co (1972) (44527). 11.55 Next Step,  
Greenwich Village (1979) (622369). 1.50  
None Shall Escape (1944) (635047).  
3.30 Next Step, Greenwich Village (1979)  
(622369). 5.00 Next Step, Greenwich  
Village (1979) (622369). 5.45 Close.

**FX CHANNEL**  
6.45 Take the Red Lantern (1991)  
(771). 10.10 Fried Green Tomatoes at  
the Bell Place (1991) (609450). 10.45  
Circle of Friends (1995) (488504).  
12.00 Party Girl (1995) (100378). 1.40  
The Last Seduction (1994) (649633). 3.30  
- 6.00 Joy Luck Club (1993) (485721).

**DISCOVERY CHANNEL**  
4.00 Rex Hunt's Fishing Adventures  
(653078). 4.30 Walker's World (854282).  
5.00 Connections 2 by James Burke  
(202277). 5.30 Jurassic (858542). 6.30  
Animal Doctor (858455). 6.30  
Hammerheads (202368). 7.30 Beyond  
2000 (854361). 10.00 Titanic (800pm-  
12.00): Titanic Discovered (525348). 9.00  
Anatomy of a Disaster (525348). 10.00  
The Titanic (559593). 12.00 The Easy

Riders (62701). 1.00 Connections 2 by  
James Burke (455301). 1.30 Ancient  
Warriors (807255). 2.00 Close.

**SKY ONE**  
8.00 Games World (404523). 8.45  
Games World (404523). 9.30 Street  
Sharks (1998). 9.00 The Simpsons  
(59243). 9.30 Earthworm Jim (44894).  
10.00 Hercules - the Legendary Journeys  
(83388). 11.00 The New Adventures of  
Superman (1984). 12.00 The Oprah Winfrey  
Show (4447). 1.00 Days of Our Lives  
(4455). 2.00 Sally Jessy Raphael (82338).  
3.00 Jerry Jones (53078). 4.00 Guilty  
(55813). 5.00 Star Trek: Deep Space Nine  
(5349). 6.00 Married with Children (1610).  
6.30 Dream Team (2982). 7.00 The Simps-  
ons (4078). 7.30 The Simpsons (8148).  
8.00 Speed (3728). 8.30 Speed (2233).  
9.00 When Animals Attack IV (67900).  
10.00 King of the Hill (20270). 10.30 Mar-  
ried with Children (1610). 11.00 Dream  
Team (2982). 11.30 Star Trek: Deep  
Space Nine (5252). 12.30 Highlander  
(55547). 1.30 - 8.00 Long Play (55128).

**SKY SPORTS 1**  
7.00 Sky Sports Centre (81227). 7.35 V-  
Max (81078). 7.45 Knockouts of 58  
(80289). 8.45 Sports Centre (803382).  
9.30 Racing News (50078). 9.00 Aerobics  
- Oz Style (47558). 9.30 Monday Night  
Football (20271). 11.00 Watersports World  
(82148). 12.00 Aerobics (44894). 12.30  
Figure Skating (83359). 2.30 Ford Monday  
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6.35 Newsline (198894). 10.45 Come  
Dancing 50 (147788). 11.25 Come Dan-  
cing 50 (121875). 12.25 42 Up (729907).  
1.30 Joins BBC News 24 (894005).

**BBC1 SCOTLAND**  
As BBC1 LONDON & SE excepts:  
6.00 Joins BBC News 24 (10985). 5.55  
The Brothers (782233). 6.45 A Party Pol-  
itical Broadcast by the Scottish National  
Party (522229). 6.20 News (571349).  
6.35 Reporting Scotland; Weather  
(199894).

**BBC1 WALES**  
As BBC1 LONDON & SE excepts:  
6.35 Wales Today (199894).

**ANGLIA**  
As Carlton excepts: 12.20 Anglia  
News and Weather (644363). 1.00 Di-  
nosaurus (7184). 3.40 Anglia News and  
Weather (167384). 6.30 Beadle's Hot  
Shots: Jeremy Beadle presents viewers'  
TV parodies and sketches. 6.35 An-  
ger! (74593). 7.40 Wersum Year:  
A year in the life of the River Wersum.  
And how through the heart of Norfolk  
and is renowned for its varied wildlife  
(185900). 3.55 Coach: Hayden realises

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his ambition to become a pro-football  
coach only to find life at the top is not  
as easy as he thought (685627). 4.55  
ITV Nightscreen (43589045).

**CENTRAL**  
As Carlton excepts: 9.25 ITN News  
Headlines (401726). 9.30 Central News  
(502284). 12.20 Central News and  
Weather (782233). 1.00 Dinosaurs: Sit-  
com about the Sinclair, a family of  
civilised dinosaurs in prehistoric times  
(7184). 3.40 Central News (167384).  
6.30 Beadle's Hot Shots (11981). 6.35  
Central News and Weather (167384).  
7.40 Heart of the Country: Magazine  
about the countryside. Wendy Nelson  
goes deep under the Manifold Valley  
and Tony Francis visits Buckingham  
Golf's 25th anniversary celebrations  
(785900). 10.00 ITN News Headlines;  
Weather (465478).

**HTV WALES**  
As Carlton excepts: 12.20 HTV  
News (444363). 1.00 Shortland Street  
(7184). 3.40 HTV News (167384). 6.30  
The Making of What Dreams May Come:  
A look at the making of 'What Dreams  
May Come', the latest film starring Robin  
Williams and Cuba Gooding Junior.  
(11891). 6.35 Wales Tonight (745813).

7.40 Beadle's Hot Shots (785900). 10.45  
Shadow Falls (282225). 12.05 Anatomy  
of Disaster: Series documenting natural  
disasters and their devastating effects.  
This edition reveals the aftermath of  
(502284). 3.55 Coach (685627). 4.55  
ITV Nightscreen (43589045).

**HTV WEST**  
As HTV Wales excepts: 6.35 HTV  
West Weather (98883). 6.40 West Tonight  
(78349). 10.55 What a Carry On! (53322).  
11.55 Film: Carry On: The Carry On  
show last and a host of other Carry On  
one of their best efforts (based on an idea  
by William Shakespeare, as the credits  
helpfully point out). Regulars Sid James  
and Kenneth Williams are joined by An-  
drea Barrie (another leading in the 50s role)  
and Warren Mitchell as street trader Spen-  
cus, brother of Marcus (416763).

**MERIDIAN**  
As Carlton excepts: 10.25 Film:  
D2: The Mighty Ducks (633184). 12.15  
Meridian News and Weather (813775).  
1.00 Hope and Gloria: US sitcom about  
the unlikely friendship between a local  
talk show host and a Hollywood star who  
lives in the same Pittsburgh apartment  
building (7484). 3.10 Meridian News and

Weather (167384). 6.30 Meridian  
Tonight (101504). 6.40 Beadle's Hot  
Shots (78349). 10.45 Meridian Focus:  
Award-winning current affairs pro-  
gramme investigating hard-hitting is-  
sues. Two men who have chosen their  
Thelma brides attempt to get married and  
bring their wives back to Britain  
(785900). 10.40 ITN News: Weather  
(416763). 10.40 Meridian News and  
Weather (167384). 11.55 Coach: Hayden  
realises his ambition to become a pro-  
football coach only to find life at the top  
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4.55 ITV Nightscreen (43589045).

**WESTCOUNTRY**  
As Carlton excepts: 10.25 Film:  
D2: The Mighty Ducks (633184). 12.15  
Westcountry News (913775). 12.27 In-  
formations (524555). 1.00 The Beldy  
Man (7184). 3.10 Westcountry Live  
(705900). 6.30 Beadle's Hot Shots  
(78349). 10.45 Coach (685627). 4.55  
ITV Nightscreen (43589045).

**YORKSHIRE**  
As Carlton excepts: 12.20 Calendar  
News Headlines (644363). 1.00 Cor-  
onation Street (7184). 3.10 Calendar  
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der News Headlines (465078). 6.20  
News Review of the Year 1998 (144875).  
7.40 Nadia's Story (785900).

**TYNE TEES**  
As Yorkshire excepts: 12.20 North  
East News Headlines (644363). 3.40  
North East News (78349). 6.30 North  
East Tonight (705000). 7.40 The Time of  
Our Lives (785900).

**S4C**  
As Channel 4 excepts: 11.30 Bigger  
Breakfast: Babylon 5 (747783). 12.30  
Planned Film (830244). 1.00 Hansel  
and Gretel (6446504). 2.50 The Italian  
Kitchen (626334). 4.30 Planned Film  
(42572504). 5.30 Countdown (1803078).  
6.00 Newyddion (1417875). 6.05 Heno  
(4970728). 7.00 Pobl y Cwm: Some-  
thing is worrying Casale. Emma gets a  
big welcome in the cafe (6389127).  
7.35 Cordin Post: Quiz show hosted by  
Garth Roberts and Emma Walford.  
Three couples compete for a dream hol-  
iday and big cash prizes (2561146).  
8.00 Y Galon Hon: Special concert fea-  
turing Welsh leading folk and country  
singers (48057349). 9.55 Antisocial



